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new city
department
focuses on
environment

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — The city is restructuring operations to devote more resources to environmental issues and two departments run more closely, according to a report by City Administrator Darren West.

The former Public Works and Housing departments were combined into a new Department of Community Development and Environmental Resources last December.

Through the new department, one and one-half positions to date, it will cost the city an additional \$11,000, said West. And through the efficiency of a single department, it not only save that \$11,000 but also bring in money through environmental grants, he said.

The recent and anticipated vacancies of four positions — public superintendent, public works director, planning director and planning technician — due to retirement, disability, a departure for law school and another for the Peace Corps, respectively, created an opportunity to reorganize two departments that are traditionally at cross-purposes in many cities, said Fields. For example, he said, a home-building addition previously had to go through two separate departments, Public Works and Housing, which weren't always of each other's requirements and regulations. Now, that home-builders deal with one unified department.

Fields, who stepped up to the administrator position last December, said that after six years as assistant city administrator, he believed the planning and

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Residents Nancy Gans (left) and Sundar Shadi (far right) with Mayor Norman La Force, City Councilmember Norma Jeilson and Assemblywoman Barbara Lee.

EC Earth Day celebrates with hands-on

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — About 300 volunteers made El Cerrito's first participatory Earth Day event an encouraging success last Saturday. City staff members fully expect the community cleanup effort to become an annual Earth Day tradition.

"We absolutely expect it to continue," said city manager Gary Pokorney. "We've had an Earth Day celebration for many years. This is a continuation of

that tradition, pointed in a slightly different direction but building on the same values have been long established in our community."

The celebration of Earth Day has long been an El Cerrito tradition, thanks in large part to the efforts of resident Nancy Gans who took major responsibility for organizing the day's activities. They included inspirational speeches and a sharing of information on important environmental issues.

At a special ceremony Saturday, Gans was honored for her efforts by

Mayor Norman La Force, former community events manager Joel Withersell (who now works on a contract basis for the city, taking responsibility for the Adopt-a-Park and other programs), and other city officials.

Also honored was Sundar Shadi, who has for many years enhanced the quality of community life with the beautiful floral displays and Christmas scene he has created on his Arlington Boulevard property.

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Expansion plans would double size of EC Plaza Lucky

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Lucky Stores may double the size of its El Cerrito Plaza operation.

Plaza co-owner Milton Bilak and a representative of Lucky met with city officials Saturday to present initial plans for building a new store in the southeast corner of the Plaza.

The need for some kind of improvements at El Cerrito Plaza has been a community discussion topic for years. In the last year or two, that discussion has intensified, in part because of recommendations made by the Redevelopment Advisory Committee and voter passage of an amended Redevelopment Plan, with significant funding options set aside specifically for the Plaza.

The current city council has made clear its interest in Plaza improvement; most council members have said it is one of the major concerns they encounter when talking with citizens. They have also indicated some frustration with the lack of significant improvement changes at the Plaza in recent years, though they support recent increased activity at the center (such as the Farmer's Market).

Redevelopment agency manager Gerry Raycraft said Friday's meeting was productive in allowing both sides to share their interests in Plaza improvement. On the other hand, he said, everything is very preliminary, and there's a long way to go.

He said, for example, that "both Mr. Bilak and Lucky have interest in developing a new store" but that "would require much more than a nod of the head from the city and agency," in that a number of environmental issues would be raised, including those related to traffic and circulation.

Raycraft said the preliminary plans call for construction of a completely new store. It would be built

first, then items would be transferred from the current store (with a shutdown of operation from perhaps 30 to 45 days), then the current store would be razed.

"Eventually, the building where Lucky is currently located would become surface parking," he said.

According to city planner Ed Phillips, the preliminary plans call for an additional 30,000 square feet of market space than is now available. The new store would be about 62,000 square feet under the current concept, he said.

Only when Lucky submits an official application to the city will the official permits, approvals and environmental review process begin. The city already has certain concerns in mind and shared some of those with Bilak, his architect and the representative from Lucky.

One of the key environmental issues connected to any development of the south edge of the Plaza is the future of Cerrito Creek, which is under ground at the proposed building site but above ground further west.

"We're encouraging them to look at south creek restoration," said Raycraft. "There's some (city) interest in opening (the underground portion) up there." That discussion is preliminary, he said, since it isn't clear whether there would even be room to do so. The city might consider asking for certain creek improvements to the west rather than a reopening of that portion, for example.

He went on to say, however, that "at minimum, we're looking at a definite need to open a pedestrian corridor through there."

The south edge of the Plaza is a common connection for students and others attempting to access the BART path. During a tour of the site Friday, five students walked

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Continuing park cleanup efforts paying off

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Parks all over town got a facelift Saturday (see story above), including Poinsett Park where about 20 volunteers, both children and adults, swept and raked and planted and picked up

for the Friends of Poinsett Park, last Saturday's weren't a one-shot proposition. Keeping the park clean and attractive is part of the neighborhood's ongoing program. Earth Day '95 was the first Poinsett Park cleanup day; the first was held in

Neuman, however, was among those neighboring residents who believed the children's play area needed a lot more than just a good cleaning. She initiated a campaign to make some changes, and a whole new playground is in the works.

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member Beth Bartke about Vern and Joyce Odlin's work in organizing Friends of Huber Park.

"My daughter, Shannon, was a year old, and I wanted to do something in the community," she said. "The park is just across from my house, and I said, 'I can do that.'"

Because of Neuman's efforts, the park has undergone a major transformation — and there's more to come.

The park looks clean and well cared for, thanks to about two dozen volunteers that have participated in four cleanup Saturdays.

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a private playground consulting design firm. Architect Michael Woldemar donated his services and drew up plans for a new playground that is accessible to the disabled and looks attractive. Woldemar's design included a wall and curb combination around the area to keep the sand in.

Since then, according to Neuman, most of the neighborhood residents have seen the plan.

"Everybody knows about it; they've gotten umpteen letters from me," she said. "I have signatures on it from most of the neighbors, and there have been no objections."

The new plans include a new play structure, two spring toys and two toddler houses. The current area will also have to be excavated. The whole project will cost about \$35,000, said Neuman.

Though it's an expensive project, the neighborhood has generated about \$5,200 in donations since its kickoff last fall. Members have sold T-shirts for a \$50 donation (they read, "I'm a Friend of Poinsett Park"); grandparents and parents have contributed to the cause.

The names of all those who donate a piece of the

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Brad Allen (standing) works with Charlie Allen and Anja Lutz at Poinsett Park.

Residents react as 'earthquake' hits Albany

By Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — At 10 a.m. last Saturday morning "the big one" hit Albany. Or at least a lot of residents pretended it did for the city's first annual Earthquake Drill.

Some people pretended better than others. At about 10:01 neighbors were out of their houses on the 900 block of Carmel, but they weren't too shocked by the devastation that pre-written scenarios described.

"Our chimney fell down," "My

house slipped off its foundation," they chattered in chipper tones. People walked back and forth across a "live electrical wire" (a garden hose) laying across a front yard, oblivious to being electrocuted.

Block Captain Helen Munch who signaled the fake quake by banging on pans and blowing a whistle, reminded people to follow the scenarios to which they were assigned in advance.

"You wouldn't be standing around," she told her neighbors.

Five-year-old Eric Owen ("EO")

Holtzman was probably the best actor on the block. He lay, whimpering, with his foot "caught" under a fallen bookshelf and books scattered around him, asking his mother to stay with him. And his elderly neighbor, George Tutt, was pretty good himself, as a Search and Rescue Team member in a hard-hat, when he picked up EO in his arms telling him "Mama's gonna be with you. We're gonna put you down on this stretcher."

EO was carried off to the first aid station on a nearby lawn where the

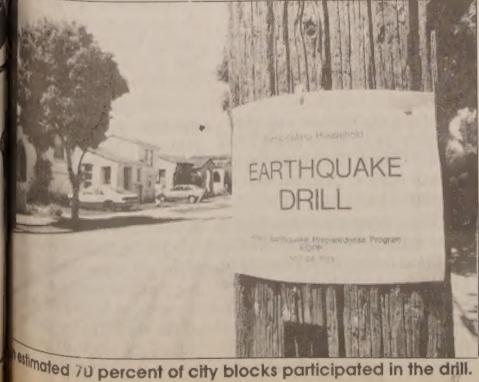
red magic marker wounds on his foot were bandaged. The first aid team was struggling to put up a tent on the lawn.

"If we learned something today, we need two or three people who absolutely know how to set the tent up," EO's father, Eric, said, as he helped.

Learning was what Albany's city-wide earthquake drill was all about.

The whole goal of this (drill) is to raise questions," said Albany

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Estimated 70 percent of city blocks participated in the drill.

Bike commuting offers new vistas

By Kara Suan

Steve Wirth breaks through the trees surrounding the bay in a burst of sunshine high atop the Berkeley hills at 7 a.m. and while most people are dragging their sleepy bodies from home to car to work, Wirth's pulse is pounding and his heart is racing from a 6-1/2-mile ride to work.

Wirth, 34, is a lab technician at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory after trekking through the urban jungle from his El Cerrito home.

For 16 years Wirth has taken advantage of the plentiful backroads connecting Berkeley to Richmond and Walnut Creek; and with more commuters becoming aware of their benefits, Wirth's routine just might become a model for the future.

The routine—getting up an hour earlier, showering on the lab, changing from Lycra-clad street racer to a tattered lab technician—on the route are familiar and comfortable to the 49-year-old mechanical engineering technologist. Wirth likes the noisy, noxious thoroughfares, fraught with the dangers of drivers busy sipping coffee, talking on the phone and steering a 1-ton vehicle.

Instead, he cuts through less hilly terrain. He meanders along Colusa Avenue to the reservoir in Kensington and then cruises along the Grizzly Peak ridge before dropping onto the lab. Wirth just feels good. It gets him started in the morning and gives him a chance to clear his mind, he said yesterday.

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Like many city dwellers, Wirth's commitment to his job takes precedence over entertainment. Thus trapped in the gridlock of streets and buildings, Wirth sees his daily rides as an escape hatch to tension.

The lab, struggling to cope with a lack of parking, actively encourages its workers to take alternate means of transportation. In addition to shuttles linking the lab to BART stations, LBL also provides showers and lockers for riders such as Wirth.

One day a week Wirth said he drives supplies—mainly changes of clothing—up the hill. The other four days he is free to jump on his 18-gear road bike and take a more scenic route.

Wirth, a member of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, may want to change his route and routine May 4. Designated statewide as "Bike to Work Day," Albany citizens are hosting their own Bike Albany day, complete with pit stops around town to refresh winded bike commuters.

City Councilmember Bruce Mast, who formed the Bicycle Advisory Committee to lobby city legislature for alternative transportation, said the group hopes to identify some 400 to 500 bike commuters—a base of support for political action.

Mast said local businesses and the city are offering resources to make it easier for people to bike to work.

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Steve Cutright with wife Rena (right) and Donna Foo in Satan's Cesspool on the south fork of the American River.

EC fire chief shares glimpse into his private life

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — Chief Steve Cutright recently shared a fascinating "glimpse into the private life of the El Cerrito fire chief" with members of the El Cerrito Rotary Club.

The fire service is a second career for Cutright, who once owned a whitewater rafting business and remains an expert in the field.

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the Peruvian Andes," Cutright (who is adopted) told the Rotarians. "The year was 1911; they became the first European explorers to see the ancient Incan stronghold of Machu Picchu."

One of Cutright's great grandfathers had been a scout on three wagon trains crossing the Oregon trail; a great uncle had surveyed roads over several passes in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

In 1969, Cutright met Lou Elliott, a pioneer in the whitewater rafting business in both the U.S. and internationally, and became a boatman with the American River Touring Association.

"This began a long relationship with rivers and a growing appreciation of those who pioneered the rivers of the west," he said.

Cutright graphically described for the group the power of a river to erode a canyon. In explaining what a whitewater river is, he had said it is created by two natural forces: mountain building, in which the earth's forces slowly force mountains to rise, and water erosion, in which rain and snow slowly wear their sides away.

"Imagine this room filled with water," he said. (The group was meeting in a banquet room at the Mira Vista Country Club.) "That would be about 800 tons of water."

"Now further imagine that every single second, all this water is completely replaced. In the time it takes you to sneeze or cough, it's done. Now imagine that it happens every single second, every hour of the

day, every year for 70 million years. You get something like this, the Grand Canyon."

It's a power Cutright has often experienced. In the time since he turned a summer guiding job into a full-time career running two separate businesses, he has accumulated over 13,000 miles on whitewater rivers and continues to pursue it with his family as a vacation sport.

Rena Cutright, his wife, is herself an accomplished guide. The couple has three daughters, Maureen, 18, Kimberly, 14, and Elizabeth, 12, who travel with them down the Salmon and Selway rivers in Idaho, the Rogue River in Oregon, Utah's Green and Arizona's Colorado through the Grand Canyon.

Cutright prefers a small boat. It's intimate and easier to maneuver than the giant rafts, "someone can help you row, (and) you can pretty much carry everything you need."

More than that, a leisurely vacation in a smaller boat lets you stop wherever you like, he said, showing a picture of Vassey's Paradise in Marble Canyon.

"You can stop to smell the roses, prickly pear...barrel cactus. You can leave your footprints in the sand...you can see wondrous, almost magical places."

The challenge and sport of facing whitewater areas is balanced by times of reflection and "isolation amidst natural beauty," he said. There's a time for remote, self-reliant camping, though rafts allow much more flexibility than backpacking in that more supplies can

be carried in. (Chicken with wine sauce was among the foods on a sample menu.) There's time for fishing, hiking, even reading.

"But like any sport that involves an amount of risk, if you challenge the odds, sometimes the odds are against you," he said, showing a picture of a flip at Double Drop on Idaho's Selway River, where the current flows at about 28,000 cubic feet per second. Three of the four boats in the party had flipped.

Such an unintentional swim, he said, "can ruin your whole day."

Cutright later showed a slide in which he smashed into an 8-foot hole, "unrunnable over the top," surfed to the side and (eventually) made it to the cover of Outside Magazine. He has not yet himself flipped a raft but believes there are two kinds of rafters: those who have turned over and those who haven't turned over yet.

Rivers will change because of this year's storms, he said. The consequences of error may be greater, in that the water may be significantly colder. Some rapids will become much more difficult, others may in fact slow down with the increase in water, just one of the many idiosyncrasies associated with the sport.

"That's why we train guides to read the water, not to memorize it," he said, relating it to the driver training given to firefighters. "We teach them to look far and to look near; there's constantly a balancing off."

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SDEIR) FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY REPLACEMENT FACILITY PROJECT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

The proposed project would replace the existing antiquated Canyon Chemical Facility the campus now uses to collect and sort chemicals and low-level radioactive waste. The Supplemental Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations: Central Berkeley Public Library at Shattuck and Kittredge Street; the Ecology Center at 2530 San Pablo Avenue; on the UC Berkeley Campus in the College of Environmental Design Library at 210 Wurster Hall and at the Physical and Environmental Planning Office in Room 1 of the A&E Building.

The 45-day public review period will extend from 4/19/95 to 6/5/95. A public hearing will be held:

Monday, May 8, 1995
Alumni House on the UC Berkeley Campus
5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Final EIR is scheduled for consideration by The Regents in September 1995.



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3. THEY'VE ASKED TO USE YOUR NEWLY REMODELED HOME AS THE "BEFORE" SHOT ON "THIS OLD HOUSE".
4. YOUR TOILET'S BEEN INSTALLED BACKWARDS.
5. CHANGE ORDERS. CHANGE ORDERS. CHANGE ORDERS.
6. AFTER THE REMODEL, YOUR SPOUSE HAD TO GO AWAY FOR A "LITTLE REST".
7. YOUR RETAINING WALL'S IN YOUR NEIGHBOR'S FISH POND AND THERE'S CEILING TILE IN YOUR SOUP.
8. YOU'D RATHER SELL A KIDNEY THAN LIVE WITH YOUR NEW ADDITION.
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U.S. Department of Energy Finding of No Significant Impact Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory

The U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office announces Findings of No Significant Impact for two proposed operations at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory involved with the Human Genome Project.

1. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Construction and Operation of a Genome Sequencing Facility in Building 64 at LBL.
2. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Human Genome Laboratory at LBL.

Copies of both FONSI's will be available at the following libraries until June 15, 1995:

Central Berkeley Public Library
Reference Department
Shattuck & Kittredge Avenues
Berkeley, CA 94704
Attn: Andrea Moss

Main Library, Bldg. 50, Rm. 134
Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory
One Cyclotron Road
Berkeley, CA 94704
Attn: Carol Baccus

"On Reserve" at:
UC Berkeley
Environmental Design Library
Wurster Hall, Rm. 210
Attn: Sherie Reeves

Public Reading Room
U.S. Department of Energy
1301 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Lauren Noble

Once-loved books find place of honor with local bookstore owner

It's a tiny bookstore nestled among other tiny stores at the end of Fairmount Avenue in El Cerrito. But as you walk in, you can feel the special feeling you only find in stores full of once-loved books.

Wonderland Books' owner is Allan Friedman, who is just what you expect of the proprietor of such a store. A bearded former teacher, whose eyes gleam as he speaks of the books that surround him. The first books you notice are children's books, old ones, that hang in plastic bags on the wall. Some of them you remember, and some look like the type you read to your children when they were very young, and you want to hold them and look through them, and, perhaps, own them again.

Friedman specializes in collectable books, although he has others also. The children's books are avidly collected, as are books that reflect his own interests: books on archaeology, for instance, on Western Americana, especially on local history; and books for older children such as the Nancy Drew books, the Oz books, the Party Boy books or the Tom Swifts.

Illustrated books, too, are in great demand, he says, both the lovely old illustrated books done by artists, and the later books. First editions, too, are much in demand.

It is easy to fill a bookstore with poor books, Friedman says with a grimace, but it is harder to fill it with good books. More than half the job of a bookstore owner is finding the books — and it is also the most fun part of the job.

And he talks enthusiastically of other collectables. Each category excites him. It is difficult to specialize, he says, because "I am interested in so many things, and my customers have so many interests." The World Fairs of 1915 and 1939, he says, produced a great deal of "fun things" including pamphlets, paintings, photographs and books, all of which are avidly collected.

When I asked him about music, he said that most of what he has been asked for recently has been music with Black people on the cover. In fact, he said, what most people collect sheet music for is the cover. People also look for music that celebrates places they are interested in.

Another big interest is anything about the University of California, especially the Berkeley campus. Strangely, he says, he has never been asked for Stanford items.

"I try to keep books in all categories," he says, and he lists things such as old technical books on geology, on mining, travel, maps and national parks, with Yosemite being the park of greatest interest, although his favorite is Yellowstone.

Then he expounds on his interest in Yellowstone. Geysers, he says, have always



Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser

interested him. He belongs to a group of people who study and write about geysers. They put out monthly newsletters and journals.

His interest in archaeology is longstanding also, and he speaks of digs in which he has participated both here and in Israel and Peru. He would like to take his children to the digs in Israel.

Allan Friedman was born in New York, studied at New York University and got his masters and teaching certificate from Cal. He moved out here after stopping by on his way to Mexico. He decided he had to stay. He met his wife, Carol Kretian, in grad school, and they have two children. Daughter Jennie, 19, is a student at Sonoma State University, and son Ethan, 10, is in a local school.

Friedman was a teacher for 18 years, mostly in private schools, although he did teach in public schools in Modesto for six years. His last stint was the 12 years he taught at the Berkwood-Hedge School in Berkeley. His son is a student there now, and Friedman does help out there from time to time. Why did he leave? That was enough teaching, he says.

It was when he met someone at an Antique Fair who told him about this site being available that he decided to open his store here.

An interesting man with varied interests of his own, and a great love for the work he is doing. That's nice.

When we wrote about lexicographer Rima McKinsey recently, the very last statement somehow turned out wrong and therefore didn't make much sense. What she did say was, "I write what's in the parentheses." Much more meaningful, right?

I leave you with these bits of wisdom:

Did you know that there are more public libraries than there are McDonalds? A total of 15,872, including branch libraries.

And that Americans make some 3.5 billion visits to school, public and college libraries each year — about three times the attendance at movie theaters.

Where else will you learn such fascinating facts?

Thank you, Ruthanna Boris, for telling me about Allan Friedman and his *Wonderland books*.

And, as always, I invite all to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

Albany PTA Council News

Buy books for your child's summer reading at the Middle School's Book Fair this week. Tonight (April 27) is the AMS Open House from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and the Book Fair is open in the library from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. An excellent selection of age-appropriate, new, high-quality hardbacks and paperbacks will be sold. The Book Fair is also open tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. PTA receives 25 percent of total sales and earmarks the money for purchase of books at the AMS library.

Clean Up for Spring. Marin School is having their Spring Cleanup this Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parent volunteers will pull weeds, trim bushes, wash windows, plant flowers, and enjoy a pizza lunch together provided by the PTA. Sign up in Marin School's office if you'd like to help.

PTA Council Disaster Preparedness meets Monday, May 1, at 3:30 p.m. at Cafe Crayon on Solano Avenue. All are invited to attend.

Science Marches On: Parents can get their hands on the new FOSS (Full Option Science System) Science Kits at Cornell School's multipurpose room on May 1 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. These materials, recently purchased from the Lawrence Hall of Science, present basic science concepts in a way that encourage

ages kids to talk and collaborate with each other as they learn. FOSS kits are used at Marin School as well, and Marin parents are welcome to attend this event. The FOSS display is sponsored by the Cornell School Parent Education Committee.

IEP Questions Answered. Albany Special Ed Parent Support Group meets May 2, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Cornell's library. The subject is the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and the speaker is Pam Steneberg, who gave the group a very useful introduction to the IEP process in March. Interested parents may call 524-9753 for further information.

AHS Faculty Convenes. Last week's staff development day at Albany High School served an important purpose as teachers concentrated on how to improve attendance and how to manage discipline problems more effectively.

Next year's transfer of Les Rogers, assistant principal for attendance and discipline, to MacGregor High has created an occasion for faculty to discuss what they need from whoever fills this critical position. In addition, Counselor Ralph Cantor presented recent information about issues related to alcohol and drug abuse among high school students. Part of the day was given to meetings of faculty committees that are studying specific areas of con-

cern within the school, elected AHS Faculty to set the agenda in service days.

Ed Specs at the local level are interested in the proposed new school facility. The proposed new school facility can find a copy at the PTA meeting. The Ed Specs, as well as by its makers, represent hours of work by the School Facilities Committee. It sets forth recommendations to consider when designing. It is not a plan of desired features, but the educational ratings ports each one.

Acronyms are my limit, folks. I had one acronym but I can't remember it.

SB-65: Senate Bill Prevention

SBCP: School-based Program

SELPA: Special Education Plan Areas

SIC: School Improvement Committee

SIO: School Improvement Office

SIP: School Improvement Program

SSC: School Site Council

TIP: Teacher Improvement Program

The shell is like a house. It looks like a house with lots of points.

—students in Barbara and Sally Davis' classes

MacGregor Primary Students wrote their

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POETRY

HARD SOUL

Many layers of defense.
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How can you tell who this person really is,
putting up a front or facade of some kind?

This person is a mystery
to those looking in from the outside.

—Allen Seiden MacGregor High School

THE SOUND IS UNDERSEA:

Some lines on a seashell
I heard a shell
and the sound is undersea.
The shell has noise in it.
It makes an ocean sound.
I feel the ocean when I put the shell to my ear.
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Albany School District opens kindergarten registration

Albany Unified School District will register children for kindergarten for the fall on May 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. at 3 p.m. Children may be registered at MacGregor, Marin, Cornell and Cornell Center. For the convenience of residents, Albany Village children from 9-11 and 1-3 p.m.

Registering your child at the closest school may not guarantee assignment to that school. The district is required to assign pupils outside school boundaries in order to meet the expected enrollment. In registration, parents must provide the child's birth certificate or proof of age and be prepared to show health forms concerning vaccinations, immunizations, and good diseases.

Documentation of the dates of vaccinations for polio, D.P.T.,

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Parents must also provide a deed or rental agreement plus two other forms of proof of Albany residence, such as a bank statement, W-2 form, driver's license (not temporary), utility bills, etc.

Children are eligible for public school if the child will be 5 years

old on or before Dec. 2, 1995.

The district cannot accept registration for children who are younger than that age, even though the child may have had several years of preschool experience.

An accurate spring registration is important to the school district for planning next year's kindergarten classes.

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Parents not residing in Albany who are interested in enrolling new students in Albany elementary schools must apply for enrollment at the District Office.

Out-of-district applicants for grades K-5 will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis if classroom space is available.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinternick

Chamber member offers timely advice

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce extends appreciation to Nard Bahrami, D.D.S., and associates at Access Dental Care for extending their hospitality at the April 19 mixer at the new dental center in the Del Norte Shopping Center, Knott at San Pablo Avenue. Good networking, food and beverage allowed a time for all participating, with a look at the new facilities available for family dental care and other specialties.

The chamber also enjoyed a mixer with the Richmond Chamber hosted by the Three Lions Restaurant, gourmet cooking school at Contra Costa College, on April 13. Lots of excellent foods prepared by the students and meeting of many new and old acquaintances.

The next mixer will be a joint mixer with the Albany Chamber of Commerce May 2, co-hosted by Alan Caruso of Alan Caruso Assurance at 367 Colusa Ave., Contra Costa, and Piazza Fontana Italian Restaurant at 385 Colusa, San Francisco. Guests are invited to gather first at Caruso's and then step next door to Piazza for more refreshments and the drawing of prizes.

David will be a special guest who will oversee the drawing. The El Cerrito Chamber is welcoming new member Sun Enterprises, "Bohdi" Boulton, mail at 11780 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, 94535. In addition to being a

health practitioner, Boulton offers services in massage seminars, graphic design and writing.

The chamber is also extending appreciation to recent renewals of membership by The Junket; El Cerrito Pet Hospital; Toy Symphony; More Car Company; and Fern Luoma, associate member.

You failed to file tax returns for 1994. You didn't send money in with your request for an extension. You're bothered by continuing problems with the IRS.

Is that what's troubling you? If it is, you'd do well to pay a quick call on Martin Ahmed, one of the newer members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

Ahmed is head of a firm called Martin & Associates, an accounting and tax service firm located at 10749 San Pablo Ave., in El Cerrito.

Stressing the need for quick action when you have a tax problem, Ahmed points out that waiting for a solution can be expensive.

"Penalties and interest pile up by the day," he warns. "Procrastination is a bigger enemy than the IRS. Small amounts owed can get larger very fast — unless you do something about them right away."

Pointing out that a lot of people are overpaying the IRS, Ahmed says that filing a tax

return today is a very complicated process — and that an experienced tax man can keep his clients from paying too much.

"An experienced tax man," he declares, "will not only earn the cost of his own fee, he will earn money for his client, too."

"My clients' interests are my foremost interest. My clients are my life. Their problems are my problems."

Ahmed reports that the IRS has tightened up on deductions, and is checking up as never before to make sure they are correct.

"Today," he warns, "the chances are greater that the IRS will catch errors on the tax form. Mistakes could result in long delays getting tax refunds or in the charging of interest on additional money owed as a result of miscalculation."

The way to avoid either of these problems, the head of Martin & Associates explains, is to have his firm file an amended return immediately.

Not only does Ahmed help his clients save money when filing their returns, his firm — through its accounting service — helps them prepare throughout the year for their annual bout with the tax man.

"A good accountant," he explains, "can plan in advance for a businessman's tax position at the end of the year. A bookkeeper can only put down figures. An accountant can recommend business practices and investments that will put the businessman in the best position, tax-wise."

Well-qualified to handle both tax and accounting work, Ahmed obtained a master's degree in business



Martin Ahmed, of Martin & Associates, is welcomed to membership by Chamber President Vera Boyovich (left) and El Cerrito City Councilmember Cathie Kosek.

administration from Cal State-Hayward and a Ph.D. degree in economics and history from UC-Berkeley.

While still in school Ahmed, who was born in Bangladesh, became interested in the American tax system and went to work part-time for a CPA.

After graduation from UC, he bought homes and renovated them for sale until 1989, when he went into tax and accounting work on a full-time basis.

In 1992 he opened his own office, operating out of his home in Lafayette. In January of this year he moved to his present location on San Pablo Avenue.

Ahmed and his wife, Shahida, have two daughters — the oldest of which helps out in the office on weekends.

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Free copies of the 1995 Senior Resource Directory are now available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 10848 San Pablo Ave.

The directory contains 21 pages of hard-to-find senior medical, financial and legal resource listings in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

It also has articles about senior centers, adult day care centers, and elder financial and

physical abuse.

The El Cerrito Chamber will be participating May 6 when the Home Fair will be sponsored by the West Contra Costa and Berkeley associations of Realtors in the El Cerrito Plaza in a tented area on the south side of the Plaza. A special Chamber booth will be staffed by chambers of West County, with handouts of maps and varied information on their cities.

Pepsi-Cola cans bolster Albany police teen program

ALBANY — To reach the heart-beat of the motoring public, especially teenagers, the Albany Police Department's Chief Operator Teen Driver program relies on music and consumer products to promote traffic safety.

The program's latest venture includes a partnership with Pepsi-Cola Company and Ball Corporation.

A limited, special edition of Pepsi soda cans have been issued for the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties. The cans feature Chief Operator program spokespersons, Detective Sergeant Bill "Elvis" Palmini

and Sergeant Art "The Lawman" Clemens.

They are being distributed by youth groups and community organizations in order to promote the Chief Operator Song and Music Video contest and to inspire teens to write songs with traffic safety messages.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury and death to teens. The Chief Operator Teen Driver program is a fine-tuning of the adult designated-driver concept. For information, contact Albany Police Department at 525-7300.

Health Talk

Hypertension — The "Silent Killer"

By Joseph Clift, MD

Hypertension is called the "silent killer" with good reason — unless detected through regular checkups, most people don't know they have high blood pressure until the condition causes serious harm. It is a condition in which blood in the arteries is under excessive pressure, causing the heart to work harder than it should to circulate blood. Left untreated, hypertension can cause heart failure, and damage and weaken blood vessels, resulting in a host of other health problems including stroke, kidney failure, and even vision loss.

Everyone is at risk and the risk rises as we get older. African Americans are more prone to hypertension than Caucasians, and men of all races are at a greater risk than women. A variety of lifestyle factors can also contribute.

These include lack of regular exercise, a major contributor to your risk, as well as being overweight, smoking, and the excessive consumption of caffeine and alcohol. A salty, high-fat diet can also lead to hypertension. Chronic, unrelieved stress contributes to your risk as well, and there is a genetic component to the disease; if one or both of your parents have high blood pressure, you may also be at greater risk.

Blood pressure is easily measured, and the measurement consists of two numbers, the diastolic and systolic blood pressures. There is quite a bit of variability in terms of what is "normal" — healthy blood pressure, but most agree that the lower the better, while a reading of 140/90 or higher requires attention.

The good news is that hypertension can be easily prevented or treated with lifestyle changes. Regular exercise like walking, jogging, swimming or aerobics are all very helpful. Weight loss, diet changes, and stress reduction are also very effective. In more stub-

born cases, a variety of effective "antihypertensives" are available.

There's some concern about the side-effects of medications for high blood pressure, of course, particularly following recent media reports of an increased risk of heart attack among those taking calcium channel blockers. You shouldn't be overly concerned, however; the findings were preliminary, and suggest only a very, very small increase in risk, if any. Thus the American Heart Association recommends that patients on calcium channel blockers should continue, and check with their physicians if they have any concerns. The bottom line is that the side effects from calcium channel blockers or any other medications used to treat high blood pressure are minor compared to the risks of leaving hypertension untreated.

Because hypertension can be so damaging before symptoms appear, it's imperative to have your blood pressure checked on a regular basis. If you're over 40, it's a good idea to have your blood pressure checked at least once a year, though if you have any of the risk factors associated with hypertension, twice a year is better.

Join us for a health lecture: "High Blood Pressure and Stroke: Is There a Common Thread?" through Summit Health Access.

WHO: Dr. Joseph Clift, an internist, and Dr. Robert Gingery, a vascular surgeon, both on the staff at Summit Medical Center in Oakland.

WHEN: May 3 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: The Health Education Center, 400 Hawthorne Avenue. If you'd like more information about the seminar, or about hypertension, please call Summit Health Access at (510) 869-6737.

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Violence Concerto

The binary "blood" was flying around in miniature hexagons. I was watching a 14-year-old boy play a hot CD-ROM computer game called "Doom 2" the other day. Like millions of other youth across the country these days, this young man has forsaken afternoon TV for video games. But are parents paying as much attention to the games their kids are playing as to what they're watching on TV?

I've started a CD-ROM review column that's being carried by the New York Times Regional Newspapers. And it didn't take long to discover that most of the hottest CD-ROM titles are also the most "violent." They are also among the most technologically advanced, these combat games like "Doom" and "Descent." But, to give them their due, they're also among the most creative. After what happened last week in Oklahoma City, violence is something that's on everyone's mind, a national illness that won't go away. Not as long as we have thousands of unstable people running around with weapons and explosives.

I'd be uncomfortable to see a 6- or 7-year-old kid playing "Doom 2," in which the player is a chainsaw-wielding ex-Marine character lugging around a small arsenal of firepower, running amok through the corridors of hell with a rocket launcher at the ready, laying waste to a Nazi torture chamber en route to the devil. But a

bright 14-year-old kid with two solid parents and a stable home environment? I found myself chuckling at this teen playing the game and found myself being pulled into it by its flashing lights, explosions, and simulated mayhem. Guy stuff. Doom 2 is very hot right now. Ask most any teenager. Are we sowing the seeds of our own — dare I say it? — doom with all this violent content for kids?

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a perverse, comic way. I admit it: I began laughing.

And here's where many of us will disagree.

I have this discussion with my wife often: I maintain that kids can distinguish between cartoon violence — in which I include computer games — and the more realistic simulations you see in so-called "splat" or "body-count" movies, the ones you see on pay-cable, the ones

sullying the shelves of so many video stores. I grew up watching some fairly violent Warner Bros. cartoons that were designed to be shown to adults in movie theatres, and I have no criminal record. So far. My wife maintains that all these combat games and movies desensitize people to violence, and maybe it's true. Still, isn't this a matter of degree and context?

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Berkeley rowers relish Marin win

By Gray Cathrall

Berkeley High's varsity and JV crew teams made the most of the competition last weekend, easily outscoring the Oakland Strokes on Saturday, then coming back on Sunday to upset longtime rival Marin Rowing Association at its home course in Larkspur.

The Berkeley boys' team's 2-1/2-boat length victory over Marin was the first time it had beaten Marin since 1982, according to BHS crew coach Vince Horpel.

"To the best of my knowledge," Horpel said, "that was the first time our varsity boats have won at Larkspur, and the first time since at least 1990 Berkeley has beaten Marin Rowing in any race, anywhere...for at least 15 years."

The Yellowjackets won in 6 minutes, 8.8 seconds, a eighth seconds ahead of Marin, and the significance was not lost on the members of Berkeley's varsity crew. "They knew it was a must-win situation," Horpel added. "I don't think they surprised themselves, but the whole idea of being able to pull off a victory and to win easily was sweet."

It was a sweet victory to all those involved—the crew and parents who still come to our races. Their kids have gone, off to college or even out of college, but we've all been touched in some way by Berkeley High over the past 10 to 12 years."

The women's varsity-8 boat had a much closer race, taking Marin by just three seconds, with Serra trailing in a minute later. Berkeley's winning time was 7:00.1. Horpel admitted the easy win one day earlier at the



Gordon Fulton

Berkeley High's varsity-8 won back-to-back races last weekend over Oakland Strokes and Marin Rowing. Varsity BHS rowers are Julian Fulton, Chris Rea, Max May, Paul Vogler, Saul Zippin, Anthony Barr, Aytan Litwin, Sterling Jordan and coxswain Jon Shugart. Jasmine Hyman is the coxswain.

Oakland Estuary proved to be a good tune-up for his varsity and JV teams. "The race against Oakland allowed us to get the bugs out before the really serious race with Marin," he said.

Three weeks earlier, Berkeley JV-8 boys beat Marin by four seconds to win the San Diego Crew Classic. Sunday at Larkspur it was strictly no contest as the Yellowjackets romped to a 15-second victory. They took the lead right away and kept increasing it throughout the

race, posting a winning time that was two seconds faster than their own varsity boat (6:06.8).

One day earlier against Oakland, Berkeley's JV boat finished second to its own varsity boat by just five seconds, so Horpel knew anything could happen at Larkspur.

"Going into the race Sunday with Marin, our JV was

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El Cerrito knocks out Piedmont in ACCAL volleyball

By Gray Cathrall

After the first round of league games in the ACCAL's initial year of men's volleyball, El Cerrito is 1-2 with a convincing 4-game win over Piedmont.

El Cerrito won 14-1 in the first game, the Gauchos got off to a slow start but battled back before losing 15-12. They used the score to win the second game 15-12, then took an easy time of it in games three and four, winning 15-10 and 15-12.

"We just started putting the ball over the net," was explanation given by El Cerrito coach Fred Gonzales. "After that first game, we stopped trying to pass the ball, and let them make the mistakes."

In other matches closer to home, El Cerrito lost in two games to Richmond and lost in three straight to De Anza, arguably the strongest of the four teams in league this year.

Though it lost to De Anza, the relatively inexperienced Gaucho team had to feel pleased by its effort and the senior-laden Dons. After barely losing the game 15-12, El Cerrito was ahead in the second and third games before losing 16-14, 17-15.

De Anza is a good, experienced team," Gonzales said. "They took their lumps last year, but they'll do well this year."

We made some critical mistakes. We fought hard and sideouts, then served three straight times into net. In the last game, we were ahead, but De Anza took the last four points to win 17-15.

It was that close."

The match with Richmond presented a different kind of problem: how to score against a savvy bunch of players who make up for their lack of height with exceptional defensive skill and know-how.

The problem ultimately could not be solved, and the Gauchos, after winning the first game 15-10, lost the next three (15-11, 15-9, 15-13) and the match.

They defended us very well. They have some decent defensive players. Richmond puts everything back," Gonzales explained. "It just makes you nervous, then you begin to break down on offense. We just weren't sharp."

Leading El Cerrito's volleyball team this year are outside hitters Daniel Lai and Tim Maestas, a pair of seniors who played on the JV team last year. Joe Schuman, playing high school volleyball for the first time, takes over as the team's starting middle hitter. All three players are seniors.

Another senior, Jason Lau, holds the key role as server, while junior Steve Tanamachi is a back row player. Also rotating into the back row is Joe Ip.

With the second round of league games starting next week, Gonzales predicts his team will show considerable improvement on defense and "serve more accurately."

Pro Kennex junior tennis posts results

After several false starts due to rain, the Pro Kennex Junior League of tennis, organized by coach Mark Jones of Berkeley High, finally got off the ground.

In tennis action at King Junior High, visiting Washington beat the Aztec 6-3, as five of its six players won their matches.

1. Matt Fitzgerald (K) vs. Christo Logan, 6-4

2. Ashleigh Day (K) vs. Chris Muller, 6-4

3. Kevin Holmes (A) vs. Julian Coffman, 6-3

4. Kevin Price (K) vs. Kevin Skipper, 6-2

5. Richard Koblick (K) vs. Joey Abrams, 6-3

6. Aresh Bayat (K) vs. Jesse Carp, 7-5

1. Logan-Muller (A) vs. Fitzgerald-Day, 7-6

2. Holmes-Jesse Israel vs. Bayat-Elie Zussman, 6-2

3. Coffman-Price vs. Mirum Falcisoli-Ari

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Berkeley's Anthony Healy-London gets by Skyline's Todd Anderson for one of his two goals.

Jackets slam De La Salle; move to 2nd

By Gray Cathrall

In a fitting payback for a narrow loss four weeks ago, Berkeley High's tennis team bumped off De La Salle 7-2 on Tuesday, taking over second place in the Bay Valley Athletic League from the Spartans in the process.

It definitely was a day for the Yellowjackets, as five of the six singles players won and two of the three doubles teams added to the victory.

Alex Kopel started out the best way possible, beating De La Salle's No. 1 singles player in three sets (6-1, 4-6, 6-4), avenging a 3-set loss to De La Salle on March 23.

"Alex played a really strong player," BHS tennis coach Frantz Glasz said. "But he is a quiet, serious player who goes out and does the job. He's understated and deceptively good."

Peter Kaez, the Yellowjackets' No. 2 singles player, won in two sets, but had his hands full the entire way. He beat his opponent 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, a much closer match than the first time they played, showing character.

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BHS lacrosse boys hold on to first place

By Gray Cathrall

The Yellowjackets are on the loose and definitely dangerous.

Berkeley High's boys' lacrosse team improved its season record to 7-1 and remained solidly in first place after overpowering University High of San Francisco 9-4 on Tuesday.

Anthony Healy-London scored two goals and had a pair of assists and Dan Price scored twice and added one assist to lead the Yellowjackets in a home game.

Other scoring was provided by Darien Meyer, Nate Brownlow, Matt Lam, Nam Nguyen and Ryan Van Valer with one goal each. Jeremy Cohen had an assist on one of the goals. Justin Sachs-Weintraub played a strong game in goal, making five saves against the hard-charging Red Devils.

"We came out pretty strong," said assistant coach Gregg Sweeney. "By halftime the score was 8-2. We dominated through most of the game."

"University High was the NorCal champion last year, so it was a good win for us." Last Thursday, coming back from a two-week layoff, the BHS varsity beat Skyline for the second time this year, 12-4, but not without having to stave off a furious third-quarter rally by the Titans. In a game played one month earlier, Berkeley rolled to an easy 14-2 victory.

Dan Price led the league-leading Yellowjackets on Thursday to their sixth win in seven games by scoring four goals.

Coasting with a comfortable 7-1 lead early in the third quarter, Berkeley was suddenly blitzed by Skyline's overmatched but determined players. By the end of the period, it had become a close game, 7-4.

Berkeley's big sticks went to work in the fourth, scoring five goals and ending all speculation about the game's outcome in a 12-4 victory, their sixth in seven games.

St. Mary's track team maintains perfect record

St. Mary's track team sent its top duo, JonEvan Hornsby and Joel Young, to San Diego last Saturday for the Mt. Carmel Relays.

The rapidly improving Young took an early lead in the 800 meters, running a 56-second first lap. He continued to lead the race going into the final curve, but Hornsby began his move and closed the gap quickly. As they came off the final turn, JonEvan sputtered away to win the race in 1:56.05, with Young finishing a strong third at 1:58.02.

This followed their 1-2 finish at the Hampton-Phillips Invitational in San Jose the week before.

Currently, Hornsby and Young are ranked No. 2 and No. 3 in the North Coast Section and are both looking forward to qualifying for the California state championship meet on June 2-3.

In the meantime, St. Mary's frosh-soph squad was busy burning up the track at the Vallejo Relays last weekend, winning seven events and dominating the competition with a 98-57 team victory.

The Panthers had a strong 1-2 finish in both the shot and discus by Matt Norris and Quin Sandoval. Norris improved by 10 feet to win the discus with a heave of 133-feet, 8-1/2 inches, and Sandoval was second at 117-feet.

They reversed their finish in the shot put, with Sandoval capturing first at 43-feet, 9-1/2 inches, and Norris second, a scant five inches behind at 43-4-1/2.

Freshman Jafar Williams continued to show his ability as a potential varsity athlete, winning three of his four events.

"His time of 56.2 seconds in the 1600-meter split (his 400-meter lap) is fast enough to give him a position on the varsity team this week," said St. Mary's track coach Jay Lawson. "He continues to work hard to improve himself."

Williams teamed up with Mike Arp, Mario Barbero and Kwamin Taylor to win the 4x400 relay in 3:36.2, a sizzling time for a frosh-soph team.

Williams, Barbero, Devin Poche-West and Khalid Taylor (Kwamin's twin brother) won the 800 relay (4x200) in a season best time of 1:35.1.

The Panthers, who remain solidly in first in the ACCAL with a perfect 6-0 record, host St. Elizabeth and Bishop O'Dowd today at 3:30 in a key league matchup. They travel to James Logan High in Union City on Saturday for the Top 8 Invitational.

Cherry, Monroe, Navies, Pittman

Berkeley still running into record books

Berkeley High School's sprint relay team — J'Juan Cherry, Marlon Monroe, Hannibal Navies and Gwanghee Pittman — continued its record-breaking year by winning all three relays entered at the seventh annual Vallejo Relays.

The Yellowjackets set new meet records in the 4x100 and 4x200 meter relays and closed the meet by winning the 4x400 meter relay in their seasonal best time of 3:19.7. in the 4x400 meter relay, Pittman was replaced by Joe Cokes,

who also won his heat in the 110 meter high hurdles.

The varsity boys 4x200 meter relay was a spectacular race, with Berkeley winning in a national best time of 1:25.40 — the third fastest time in California history (the two faster times also owned by Berkeley squads of '80 and '81), and the 18th fastest of all time.

In spite of impressive splits of 20.7 by Monroe, 20.8 by Cherry and 21.2 by Navies, the team was still disappointed that they didn't set a new school record.

Not to be outdone, the Berkeley varsity girls and frosh/soph boys also posted impressive wins in both the sprint medley and 4x200 meter relays.

To date Berkeley's varsity boys' relay teams have only one defeat at each distance, with times consistently dropping.

Although they have established three new meet records this year, the team continues to focus on its primary goal of winning a state championship.

Sign up Saturday for Albany's new roller hockey league



The Albany YMCA Youth Roller Hockey Clinic held March 19 was fun for more than 55 kids between the ages of 6 and 17. The newly formed Albany Youth Roller Hockey league will run Saturdays, May 6 through July 29 at Cornell School, 904 Talbot, Albany. Sign up for the league at Cornell on Saturday, April 29, between 9 a.m. and noon or call 644-1441 for registration information. The league includes a 12-week season, referees, individual and team statistics, playoff, awards, jerseys and a skills contest. The fee is \$60, and players must be members of the Albany Y (\$22 annually.) The league needs parent volunteers to assist with coaching and more. Anyone interested in sponsoring a team is asked to call Todd Jackson at 644-1441.

Crew

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really fired up. Their hunger for competition is just incredible," Horpel said. Chuckling at what he sees between his top two boats, he added, "It's even rubbing off on the varsity."

Berkeley's third varsity boat had a mishap, picking up a piece of debris on the hull which slowed it down for part of the race. The boat still finished 10 seconds behind Marin for third place.

In a display of exceedingly good sportsmanship, Marin loaned Berkeley a 4-oar boat, then allowed the Yellowjackets' to win the race by less than four seconds (6:22.9). Berkeley doesn't have a 4-oar boat, so at the last minute Sunday, Chris Rea (stroke), Max May, Paul Vogler, Anthony Barr and Jon Shugart (cox) decided to try it.

"Considering we don't train with 4's, it was a pretty good showing," said Horpel.

Berkeley's women's JV-8 boat also won Sunday, beating Marin by 11 seconds and Serra by over a half-minute. The winning time was 7:29.7.

In their first race in three weeks, including a one-week school break, the Yellowjackets easily beat the Oakland Strokes on Saturday at the Oakland Estuary in both the men's and women's varsity races.

The men's varsity-8 finished in 5:52, just five seconds ahead of its JV boat and well ahead of Oakland's varsity boat. The course was shortened by 50 to 75 meters because of a barge moored off the pier at Estuary Park, the traditional finish line of crew races.

The women's varsity boat also won, finishing three boat-lengths in front of the Strokes.

"It took us a while to get our focus back after a three-week layoff," Horpel said. "After Saturday's performance, however, we seemed to be back on track. Both our varsity and JV knew the race would be between them more than against Oakland."

"Our JV boat is really on fire. In practice on Friday, (it) surprised our varsity and kept the older team from moving on them. They got out to an early lead and held it. The varsity could never regain the lead." In the novice races Saturday, an aggressive rebuilding program at Oakland Strokes paid off, with victories for their Novice A and B boats, a second place for their Novice C boat, and a first place for their Novice women's A boat.

"Our novice program is young and just developing. Our novice B boat made up a lot of ground and came within two seconds of beating Oakland's boat for second place in the Novice race," Horpel said.

Berkeley High's varsity boat now has a good opportunity to qualify for the U.S. national youth championships, to be held in Cincinnati on June 9-10.

Financial support needed

In another piece of bright news for Berkeley's crew, the JV boat has been invited to a major race, the Northwest Regional Junior Championships, in Vancouver, Wash., the weekend of May 20-21.

Though each represents a golden opportunity for the Berkeley High crews to compete on a national level, fund-raising will be necessary to get boats and crews to their destinations.

Coach Horpel said he is hoping for broad-based support from the community over the next several weeks. Those interested in helping support the successful efforts of the Berkeley High crew may send their checks (tax-deductible) to: BHS CREW and mail them to 1849 San Juan Ave., Berkeley 94707. Call 526-1167 with any questions or for additional information.

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Summer basketball league teams forming in Berkeley

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Tennis

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ter and determination in overcoming some distraction throughout the match from a spectator.

Stefan Shakiba, a sophomore who has been out the whole season due to an injury, stepped onto the court for the first time. Asked by Glasz to play No. 3 singles, he calmly won in two sets (6-4, 6-3) over a tough DLS opponent.

"I knew Stefan was a good player from last year, but I hadn't seen him play a real match this year," Glasz explained. "To win against the No. 2 team in the league the first time out was very good. He played a real solid match."

At No. 4 singles, Alex Grubb, another freshman, was overpowered 6-2, 6-3, in what turned out to be the only singles loss of the day. Avery Moore won the No. 5 singles in straight sets. His win was especially significant because it marked the fifth point for Berkeley, assuring a team victory in the best-of-nine game competition.

Praising the steadiest player on the team, Glasz said, "Avery is a wall: He returns everything hit to him. He plays the same way he did the early part of the season. He's very steady and never changes."

The first time team captain Kerry Hegarty played De La Salle, he breezed 6-0, 6-0 past its No. 6 player. This time he had to battle past a first-set loss before winning in three sets (4-6, 6-2, 6-1).

At No. 1 doubles, Tidy Bled and Damien Moskovitz lost 4-6, 4-6, but Vernon Gray and Morgan Hengartner beat DLS's No. 2 doubles team in three sets.

Steve Bui and Sasha Rossman at No. 3 doubles won in straight sets. Their match was the first point for Berkeley, giving a big boost to the Yellowjackets' singles players whose matches were taking place at the same time.

"Sasha and Steve did a good job for us," said Glasz. "They played together in a practice tournament last week, but De La Salle was their first official doubles match."

"To beat De La Salle was very exciting. They knew it was for second place in the league, and even though it was very cold and windy at King Field, our players were floating after we won our fifth point," said coach Glasz.

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Despite the huge quantity of Masses that have been said out repeatedly since the days of Christendom, there's no one so forcefully and gratefully as Verdi's Manzoni. This was brought home again on Friday with the performance by the Oakland East Bay Symphony and forces under Michael Morgan's direction at the Paramount Theatre.

Orchestra

Composed as a memorial for a friend, the Italian writer patriot Alessandro Manzoni, Verdi bears little kinship with countless other Masses set to Latin funeral liturgy. Hugely dramatic, deeply emotional and as operatically specific as *Aida* that Verdi had written years earlier in 1871, the *Requiem* gets the juices flowing first minute to last.

Morgan had a firm thematic grip on this stirring music. He began and ended the 90-minute performance without interruption, with "Requiem" chords joined with the same elegiac pain. Within that period, however, there were times when one saw with literal truth in section like the "Dies Irae" ("Day of Wrath") that all hell threatened to break loose.

In general, the performances concerned were uniformly excellent. The Oakland East Bay Symphony, with its huge complement of brasses and percussion, and hurrahs for the trombones and bass drum, performed throughout with passionate ardor. As Morgan and the players reiterated again and again, this is not the kind of liturgical music that came crawling into us in an attitude of mysticalness. Tension was maintained throughout in undisturbed dramatic flow.

There were religious glories to be seen, as in the "Sanctus" with

its monumental eight-part fugue and ending "Hosanna" that stretched toward heaven, but a contemplative atmosphere was not the prevailing keynote. Morgan's canvas had many tints, often painted with forcible strokes of grief, awe and terror. The sinner's "Salva me" ("Save me") was not so much a pitiful plea for mercy as a non-negotiable demand.

Magen Solomon's 100-plus member Oakland Symphony Chorus was also pretty terrific. The chorus could use a few more male voices (so what else is new?), but for the most part the singers were admirably balanced, giving the *Requiem* the great sweeps of power and radiant sonorities it demands. In the several critical a cappella sections, the singers maintained a consistent focus. Also, despite their somewhat leaner numbers, the men gave cannon force to the "Tuba mirum."

Results were almost as good with the select solo quartet: soprano Judith Raddue, mezzo-soprano Leslie Richards-Pellegrini, tenor Daniel Harper and bass David Tigner, each of whom has an extensive local performing history.

Richards-Pellegrini's luxuriant mezzo-soprano, true and rich in every note of a large register, is the genuine article when it comes to Verdi voices. She looks and sounds as if she were born to sing *Aida*, the *Aida* role that is a distinguishing mark in her repertoire. She brought an imposing heraldic power to the "Liber scriptus." In the "Recordare," which in the lengthy list of masterful Verdi duets stands out, Richards-Pellegrini and Raddue achieved a kind of celestial vocal communion. The eerie sound effects of their perfectly matched octaves in the "Agnus Dei" also stuck to the memory.

Raddue's contribution to the success of the Verdi *Requiem* was also substantial and also an absolute necessity as anyone with a knowledge of the ending "Libera me, Domine" must surely know. Frankly, I've never heard Raddue sing so beautifully and with such confidence as she did on Friday night. There was a huge spread in the "Libera me," not only in vocal demands but in interpretive insights as well. Raddue sailed on the first note and never let up. Her voice beamed with power, but it also searched



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for intimacy and poetry and tied the whole thing together with fluid grace.

Tigner has sung his part so often he must own it by now. Drama is the overriding instinct in his interpretation, occasionally at the expense of the beauty of sound. He sounded scary and fearful in the "Mors stupebit," severe and demanding in the "Confutatis." At its best, Tigner's bass was a fervent foundation for the quartet.

There is no easy way to judge Harper's performance without noting that his voice, so carefully nurtured and easy in the past, skirted trouble throughout the evening. I hope it was only a cold or some other minor indisposition that will pass, but high notes weren't there, nor the power and lyric grace. When his voice wasn't exposed, as in the solo "Ingemisco," it filled its niche nicely.

A large audience responded to this performance of the Verdi *Requiem* with joyful enthusiasm. The performance was dedicated to the memory of the late Calvin Simmons, Oakland Symphony music director from 1972 until his timely death in 1982.

O'Neill's 'Misbegotten': call AA

■ Two human wrecks find solace in a night of hard drinking.

By Don McConnell

The "dark night of the soul," especially when experienced by two people sharing a bottle, is a feature of many of the plays we regard as 20th-century American classics. My favorite alcoholic talkathons are Brick's in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and George and Martha's in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* *Moon for the Misbegotten*, the Eugene O'Neill play in mid-run at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, is a purer example of this subgenre than any play I know.

Stage

You have plenty of time for such thoughts as you watch Josie Hogan and Jim Tyrone toss back whiskey neat, four ounces at a time. Imagine a Shakespeare play, or a classic from any period since then, in which two characters come on stage with a bottle, then spend the night drinking and disgoring their deepest nightmares.

Obsessive self-examination—which is what the alcohol usually produces on stage—is the penchant of lead characters in all ages; and I suppose that alcohol is most often used by modern playwrights as a device to start the introspection rolling. Nobody in a Williams or Albee play actually gets drunk; they're generally wide awake as they peel back their skin for us.

In an O'Neill play, though, sometimes the characters are just drunk. *A Moon for the Misbegotten* has a variety of themes—generational conflicts, the fragility of romance between human wrecks (a Tennessee Williams specialty), and others. But a very major theme is the alcoholism itself.

There are moments in act II when you feel you're watching a public-health skit. Josie, the proud and lonely Irish-American farm girl, though no drinker, swallows about 8 ounces of whiskey in a minute or two. She hopes to induce Jim Tyrone, whose alcoholism is so advanced it completely dominates his life,



Jim Tyrone (Charles Dean) spends a night unconscious in the arms of Josie Hogan (Michelle Morain), in 'A Moon for the Misbegotten,' at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre through May 19.

to get drunk enough to be lured into sex and, thereby, marriage.

O'Neill portrays the results of the drinking with remarkable precision. Tyrone has grim little episodes of the DTs; he goes through a range of moods and degrees of physical coordination as he drinks with Josie, finally collapsing in a stupor with his head on Josie's breast. She sits still all night, to let him sleep.

This is the climax of the play, the truly pitiful payoff for Josie. She and Tyrone have dropped their pretensions and acknowledged their feelings for each other. But along the way, Josie has realized that Tyrone is beyond redemption. The best she can hope for him is that he die pain-

lessly in his sleep sometime soon.

I suppose it doesn't matter that the hero's tragic flaw is alcoholism rather than pride or ambition. What does matter is that O'Neill delivers the necessary catharsis; we feel wrung out along with the characters, and moved, and relieved.

Michelle Morain and Charles Dean brought these ogre-ish characters to compelling life. Morain slightly overemphasized, for my comfort, the agricultural side of the role; her Josie had the monumental air of a Willa Cather heroine, of a pioneer woman besting the prairie. But that interpretation put Morain in the position to be both mother and anchor to

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'Fantasticks' almost weaves a spell at CCCT

■ The strengths and weaknesses of this 1960 musical are apparent in CCCT's likable production.

By Phyllis Lyon

The Contra Costa Civic Theatre is welcoming spring with a blooming production of *The Fantasticks*, the coming-of-age musical parable "about love." True love triumphs weekends in El Cerrito through May 27.

Musical comedy

Playing its trump card first, *Fantasticks* opens with "Try to Remember," the song which has been velcroing itself into audience brains worldwide since 1960. The tune, sung by The Narrator (Robert Hamm, who doubles as the evil El Gallo), beckons the playgoers to "follow, follow, follow, follow," into the Romeo and Juliet tale of young lovers kept apart by a family feud.

The Girl (Loretta Fields Janca) and The Boy (Howard Miller), so in love, must whisper through a garden wall put up by battling gardeners, their fathers.

But the feud is a sham. The patriarchs of the Hucklebee and Bellomy families (played, sung and danced with rustic gusto by Arthur Atlas and Don Hanson, respectively) are in fact pals who are all for the romance and, in "Never Say No," explain their theory of child rearing: if you want kids to do something, just say No.



At the end of act I, the lovers and their fathers are ready to live happily ever after: Don Hanson, left, Howard Miller, Loretta Fields Janca and Arthur Atlas, in Contra Costa Civic Theatre's production of 'The Fantasticks.'

To provide the adventure young minds require, the fathers hire actors (David M. Lee and John Tangney) to stage an abduction — Boy saves Girl and all will end well, they think.

The number "It Depends On What You Pay" unfortunately takes the fantasy-mode out of act I with its repetition of the nasty word "rape." The explanation that it really means "abduction"

doesn't keep the players from looking discomfited and the audience from squirming in their seats.

However, the scheme works and act I, symbolically set "in the moonlight," ends happily.

Happily, but not ever after. Playgoers who think they've seen everything at intermission time are warned that it's not over till it's over. Playwise, the better is yet to come.

Act II takes place "in the sunshine" of glaring reality, and the fathers' nefarious plot is uncovered. The Boy runs away only to be set upon by men (Lee and Tangney, redux).

Meanwhile, The Girl is lured into a life of sin by the handsome, but evil, El Gallo. Viewing the world through a rose-colored

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'My Fair Lady' this weekend

Oakland Lyric Opera's production of 'My Fair Lady' opens Friday, starring Katy Stephan as Eliza Doolittle, the cockney flower girl trained by linguist Henry Higgins to enter high society. Alan Dettmering plays Higgins; Bill Frey is Colonel Pickering, Higgins' sidekick.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, all at the Scottish Rite Center Theater, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. Tickets are \$18 (\$15 seniors/students, \$10 children under 17). Call 531-4231 for reservations.

Michael Morgan delivered a stirring performance of Verdi's operatic Requiem.

'Cure': an AIDS story that avoids the usual pitfalls

■ Both boys are played by extraordinary young actors.

By Basil De Pinto

A number of elements conspire to make *The Cure* worthwhile, the first being that this is the directorial debut of Peter Horton. In tackling a deeply affecting story of AIDS in children, Horton shows mature skill in handling the complexity of dealing with two 11-year-old stars and avoiding excessive weepiness.

Movies

Erik (Brad Renfro) is the neighborhood bad boy, a loner from a broken home. Shunned and taunted by his schoolmates, he establishes a bond with Dexter (Joseph Mazzello) who is also an outsider because he has AIDS, contracted through a blood transfusion.

Erik takes on the role of protector for Dexter, who has enough health to play outdoors and enjoy the woods and river near their Minnesota home, but who also tires easily. Alienated from his neglectful mother (Diana Scarwid), Erik finds a surrogate home with his friend and comfort in the warmth of Dexter's mother (Annabella Sciorra).

At the checkout counter of a local supermarket, where they have gone to spend Dexter's allowance on candy bars, the boys spy a tabloid story that purports to reveal a cure for AIDS discovered by a doctor in New

Orleans.

Erik convinces Dexter that they should float down river, a distance of some 1,200 miles, to find the doctor and obtain the cure. Their adventures take up the rest of the film and end predictably enough back home with Dexter in the hospital.

Metaphors are clearly much in evidence: the search, trial by water, the loneliness of individuals healed by friendship. The wonder of Robert Kuhn's screenplay is that the symbolism is so natural that it never gives way to pretentiousness.

Much of the film is shot out of doors, which provides an idyllic quality as the camera glides over peaceful waters and through sun-dappled woods. Life is portrayed as rich and abundant, even though we know that death is an everpresent, silent observer.

But there is also a minimum of solemnity and a healthy dose of humor, including a hair-raising downhill ride in a shopping cart and, even in the hospital, a penchant for playing tricks on unwary grownups.

The characters of the two boys are well delineated, although Erik is the more important because he is the one who develops more clearly. Erik's loneliness is destructive; he is always hanging or impaling toys and objects he acquires. His insecurity makes him sullen and aggressive at once.

When we first see Dexter, he is building a mud fort and peopling it with soldiers and carts. Whether by nature or because of his illness, he shows a serenity

which is not softness but clarity: he knows how sick he is.

He is also unusually intelligent, which makes it hard to believe that he would follow Erik's lead on the crazy voyage that can only result in worsening his condition.

The script also fails to confront the more unpleasant physical aspects of AIDS aside from some respiratory distress. Dexter coughs a lot and he looks tired, but he is never subject to the ravages of skin lesions or debilitating weight loss.

But these flaws are bearable because the underlying personal and spiritual transformations are more important than clinical

exactitude. We know that there is no cure for Dexter; what matters is how he himself becomes the cure.

Mazzello was once known as Joey, but has now graduated to Joseph. At the grand old age of 11 he has a personal dignity and charm which the Bobs and Bills of public life cannot even imagine. He runs the gamut of emotion, from easy relaxation to prescient anxiety, with an apparent simplicity which hides the skill of the experienced actor.

Brad Renfro gave no hint in *The Client* of the versatility and mastery of character which he shows here. He is the chameleon

like Erik to perfection, with dark and almost menacing moods giving way to courage and tenderness as he spends himself in caring for his friend.

Horton's achievement in this film outweighs the few places where he stumbles. The final image, of peacefully flowing sunlit water, is worthy of the symbolic gestures of Kurosawa. How many first-time directors would bring that kind of thought to the experienced actor.

We come away from the picture convinced that even though no cure is at hand, the human capacity to heal will always save us from ourselves.

styles.

As CCCT director Lindi Bauman points out in her program notes, *Fantasticks* includes "elements of the ancient Greek drama (the Narrator or 'chorus'), Chinese theater (the 'invisible' property man), Italian commedia dell'arte (the feuding fathers) and . . . the American musical comedy."

Add to that, tableaux and sword fights, sprinkles of Shakespeare, Pinocchio, Pyramus and Thisbe, and more, and the fantasy doesn't fly.

Nevertheless, there's a lot to like in the CCCT's *Fantasticks*—Atlas-Hanson duets as the charming farmers, the clear, true singing voice of Fields Janca, the cool, seductively bad Hamm, comic dallying by Tangney, the silent property man played by Ron Lacap, and more.

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Fantasticks

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mask, Fields Janca singlehandedly creates the play's high-tension highlight in the second act's chaotic climax, "Round and Round."

Boy and Girl come to their senses in time to discover the truth, there's no place like home.

The *Fantasticks* opened at the Sullivan Theater in May 1960. Though tepid reviews threatened closure after the first week, it went on to become the longest-running musical in theater history with an estimated 10,000 performances somewhere in the world, including China, over the past 35 years. So much for the critics.

Tom Jones, who wrote words for Harvey Schmidt's music, was quoted as saying, "The simpler you do something, the better it's going to be." But Jones doesn't seem to have taken his own advice. The airy fantasy is weighed down with an everything-but-the-kitchen-sink olio of musical and literary forms and

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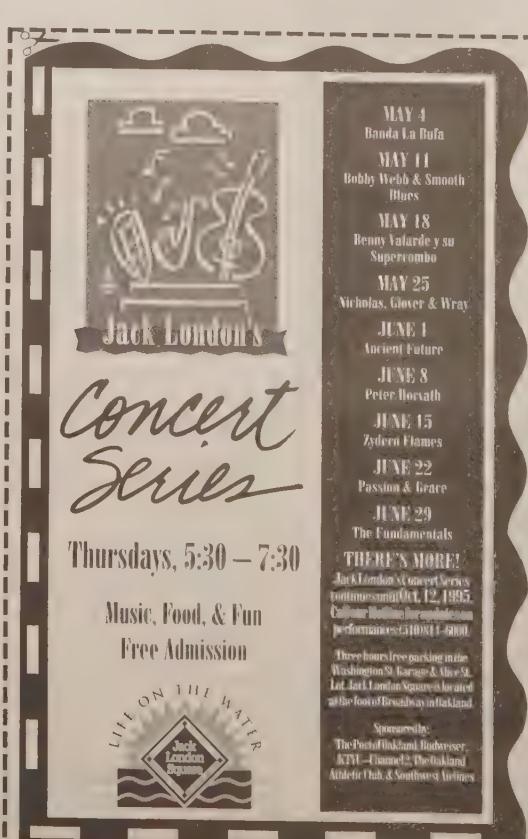
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Drill

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Earthquake Preparedness Coordinator
Mike Simpson to almost 100 block
representatives at a meeting several
days after the "quake."

Albany's fake quake was the first
block-wide drill done in California
according to state experts, said Rob
Cheasty, co-chair with his wife,
Janie, of the Albany Earthquake
Preparedness Program.

Only four blocks carried out a
full-scale functional drill with fake
quakes, teams of neighbors locat-

ing utility shut-off valves, and Boy
Scouts on bikes shuttling between

blocks and the fire department.

Other blocks residents did a table-
drill, discussing post-quake sce-

narios provided by Simpson. He
estimated that about 70 percent of
about 220 residential blocks in
Albany participated in the drill.

The Albany Earthquake Pre-
paredness Program grew out of earth-

quake programs in the local schools.

A steering committee formed last
year with the goal of getting every
block in Albany involved in earth-

quake preparations, Cheasty said.

Now the city is divided into eight
districts, each with coordinators, and
district blocks have captains. Most

blocks haven't progressed as far in
organizing neighbors as the 900
block of Carmel Street has, but cap-

tains from those blocks said that the
earthquake drill day brought out a
lot of interest and new faces.

Laurie Kirkpatrick, of the 700
block of Curtis Street, said she had
been trying to organize her block
for two years without much suc-

cess, but that the drill brought out
15 neighbors, who volunteered for
teams, such as first aid, and search
and rescue.

Another block captain said she
now has a co-captain as a result of
the meeting.

"I'm much more enthused. I was
ready to quit last week," she said.
One man at her meeting offered to
strap any water heaters on the block.
The fire department will also strap
water heaters for residents, but there
is a waiting list of about 250 people,
said Simpson.

Claire Murphy, who is organiz-
ing the 800 block of Key Route
Boulevard, said the drill "raised the
level of enthusiasm for taking more
responsibility." Her block will hold
a garage sale soon to raise money
for common supplies.

The 900 block of Carmel keeps

supplies in a shed behind one home
and several residents know the code
for the shed's padlock, said Block
Captain Munch. A wheelchair do-

nated by one neighbor transported
83-year-old Jack Van Zoen to the
first aid lawn after he "fell off his
exercise bike," and was found by

Search and Rescue Team members
Dan and Penny Souza.

Van Zoen, in turn, had hand-

made the stretcher used for other
victims, with pipes and canvas.

By 10:30 a.m. the tent was suc-
cessfully pitched on the first aid
lawn and neighbors were actively
pursuing their assignments, putting
out fires, assessing damages and
bandaging cuts. With the injured
victims all in one location, runners
could more easily make reports to
the city's emergency services. By
10:45 a.m. five-year-old EO's band-
ages had come off because they
were itchy.

Each block found creative solu-
tions to consequences of the quake.
One block reported using a lawn
chair as a stretcher; another block
captain said his neighbors used bike
helmets as hard hats when entering
possibly damaged houses.

Block captain Boyd Waters of-

fered to start an internet bulletin
board for the Earthquake Prepared-
ness Program. By 11:10 a.m. all the
houses on the 800 block of Pomona
Street had signs reading either "OK"
or "Help" in their windows, to sim-
plify the search process.

Pomona Street resident Jamie
Lake said that when the quake hit at
10 a.m., he was torn, not knowing
whether to help a neighbor he heard
shouting, or to report to damage
assessment team duty as instructed.
At 11:30 a.m. residents of the
Pomona block were gathered at the
"control post," discussing such di-
lemmas; block co-captain Cynthia
Ivy made a list of the problems.

The Pomona block is well pre-
pared. Each resident has a kit with
signs and flares and many of them
keep clothes, food and water in a
garbage container outside. Resi-
dents have signed a form allowing
the search and rescue team to break
down their door if necessary. The
block has a map locating the gas
valves on each home. Nevertheless,
everyone recognized that the drill
brought out the weak areas.

"We need to focus on safety first
and damage assessment later,"

"Someone needs to run up and

down the block quickly to assess
how many help signs are up."

"We can't be too specialized.
We have to have cross-training,"

were some of the comments.

The suggestions will be dis-
cussed at a monthly meeting.

"I met a lot of people I hadn't
known," said Marilyn Niehaus who
just moved into her parents house
on the block. "It's really important
to know who lives on your block,"

she said.

Albany's program is successful

because it works the old-fashioned
way, with neighbors recruiting

neighbors, said Robert Cheasty.
"People really want to build com-
munity," he said.

Around 11:45 a.m. on the 800
block of Pomona Street the hard-
hats and fake injuries had been taken
off. The medical supplies were
locked up in a back shed. All the
houses were marked with an X,
showing they had been searched.

By noon colored Easter eggs, a
cheese ball, cup cakes, and straw-
berries appeared on checkered table
cloths in the Tong's back yard as
neighbors gathered for a "post-
quake" potluck lunch.

Kensington Republican dinner Friday

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can journalist, whose subject is en-

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by David Fetherston

Mitsubishi's reputation was once based solely on econo-box cars and light duty trucks. However, with the evolution of Japanese vehicles such as the Lexus and Infiniti, Mitsubishi has moved up market with the top end of the company's model range. Introduced about three years ago, Mitsubishi's Diamante is aimed at entry level buyers who want a fully equipped luxury mid-sized sedan for under \$40,000.

The Diamante luxury theme is not a makeover of another product. It's a new, mid-sized luxury sedan aimed to compete directly with the Lexus ES-300 and G20 Infiniti.

The Diamante gets its name from the Spanish word for diamond, a name tag that fits perfectly with the triple diamond logo of Mitsubishi. This four-door sedan has the aerodynamic appeal of a large coupe. It uses flush glass, a small "B" pillar to open out the glasshouse effect, a flat, low bumper up front, a laid back windscreens, a high trunk and meaty five-spoke wheels. The body finish is excellent and is highlighted by fine design detail that gives it a better-than-European quality rating.

The Diamante is offered in two models: the LS Sedan and the LS Wagon. Based on the same platform, the Australian-built Diamante Wagon comes with a two cam, 175 horsepower V6, and the Japanese-built sedan is equipped with a 202 horsepower four cam V6. Both use the same front-wheel drive system and four-speed automatic transmission. No manual version is offered.

Inside, I found a welcoming environment where I immediately felt at home. The layout is an ergonomic exercise in refinement. The body-hugging leather-covered seats have a full range of power adjustment. A center armrest with a ratchet adjustment allows you to set your own armrest height, and the major controls are right at hand.

The V6 is fitted with a four-speed automatic operated by a console mounted shifter. The handbrake is a pull-up type mounted to the driver's side of the transmission tunnel. Both are well positioned and easy to use.

I have tested Diamante models each year: One trip was a complete circle around Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, another drive was to Los Angeles down I-5, and the most recent was around Sonoma county. On the Interstates the Diamante will happily cruise at the limit and way beyond if you so require. On the twisties it does an admirable job but not in the class of the Euro-

pean sporty sedans that are engineered for handling back roads. However, with its 202 horsepower package it is still a pleasure on these roads.

Part of the Diamante's standard safety items include dual air bags; what is just as significant are the active safety features. These include the Traction Control System that enhances the vehicle's road holding on wet and dry surfaces, and the Electronic Control Suspension that can move the vehicle automatically from comfort cruising to sports controlled suspension as the road surface changes. It was also reassuring to have the ABS anti-lock brake system on board.

The Diamante is easy to wheel in and out around town as well as being a comfortable long distance tourer. The driver's position has a wide open view of the world while the fall away nose and rear deck height make parking simple. The rear deck covers a trunk space rated on the EPA Cargo Index at 13.6 cubic feet.

As Mitsubishi's first luxury class car, the Diamante is a great tour de force. Its gracious accommodation, superb comfort, easy handling and positive performance make it a cut above the crowd, turning heads while you ride in comfort and style.

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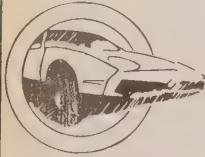
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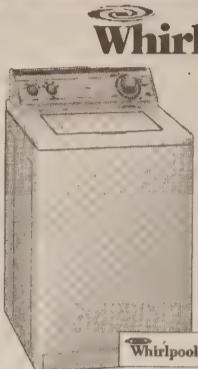
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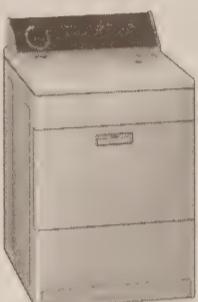
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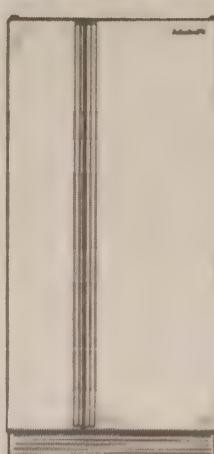


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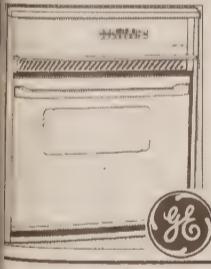
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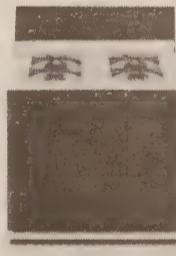
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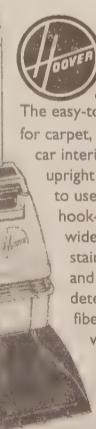
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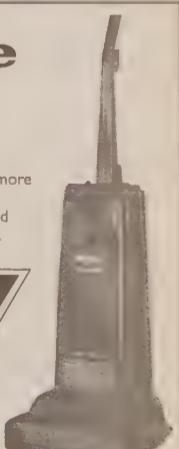
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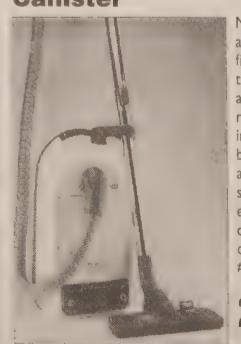
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Can We Get Along? Oakland's Pam Drake was walking on College Avenue the other day, right in front of the Edible Complex, when she noticed two guys in a car yelling obscenities.

They were hassling a gay man who was crossing the street.

Before she had time to think, Drake (who is straight) heard herself screaming at the guys in the car, "Get the hell off our street!"

They were even more startled than she was. They gunned the engine and hightailed it out of there.

"Thanks," whispered the gay man as he passed by.

Now, I'm not trying to hold up Drake as a hero or anything. She'd probably dispute the label.

But I am holding her up as a role model. For all of us.

Let's face it. Clinton is absolutely right: All the nasty talk that has passed for political discourse the last few years has created an atmosphere of hate that made the Oklahoma City bombing possible.

I wonder how Rush Limbaugh can look himself in the mirror these days.

Ditto for Jack Swanson, general manager of KSFQ, who is giving air time to some of the vilest hatemongers who ever crawled out from under a rock.

Ditto for Louis Farrakhan and his mirror-image love/hate rival, the Jewish Defense League.

And those self-appointed ayatollahs of the radical right — like Pat Robertson, with his talk of "international Jewish bankers," and Jerry Falwell, who peddles mail-order videos that accuse Bill Clinton of murdering Vince Foster — who label anyone who disagrees with them as the devil incarnate.

And groups on the loony left like Uhuru House, who disrupted the Oakland City Council meeting last week by shouting down and intimidating anyone — black or white — who tried to speak in support of a drug prevention program they oppose.

And right-to-life crusaders who demonize abortion doctors and then wash their hands, like Pontius Pilate, when somebody takes the logical next step and shoots one.

In fact, I think I'll found a new political interest group: The Militant Middle.

It'll be composed of people who are sick and tired of negative political ads. Tired of search-and-destroy talk shows. Tired of political zealots who think ideas are more important than people. And tired of political cynics who are willing to manipulate the zealots for their own ends.

In short, it'll be composed of people like you and me.

To paraphrase Newt Gingrich's favorite president, the only thing we have to hate is hate itself.

Speaking of Louis Farrakhan, we in the media have been so busy patting ourselves on the back for the bombing coverage that nobody has mentioned that the first reports on both the news wires and CNN was that the suspects were members of "The Nation of Islam."

Now, I hold no brief for Farrakhan and his organization, as you can tell from the first part of this column. But terrorism just isn't their style. It was a totally irresponsible, unsupported charge.

So will the Muslims be getting an apology from CNN or the Associated Press anytime soon? Don't hold your breath.

Like It Was: Meanwhile, Joe Montana retired last week to universal acclaim that he was the greatest quarterback ever. (That is, if you don't count Johnny Unitas.)

But his halo will always be tarnished by the abominable way he has treated Steve Young over the years. Joe stayed right in character by making a point of not inviting him to the farewell ceremony. Young, also staying in character, responded by heaping praise on Montana's talent.

Speaking of sports, a few words are in order on the death of Howard Cosell, a man who (as boxing writer Bert Sugar said) "changed his name from Cohen to Cosell, put on a toupee, and told it like it was."

Howard always offended me, for purely aesthetic reasons. He liked to use big words; and as a writer, I've learned that small words are always better.

He was a Brooklyn Pecksniff: pompous and pretentious and more than a tad hypocritical.

But all his faults were redeemed by one single act: He stood up for Mohammad Ali when no one else would.

He may have been a jerk, but he was a jerk on the side of the angels.

Object Lesson: Finally, Oakland Police Chief Joe Samuels took part in a panel discussion at the Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club last week at the Claremont House retirement home. The chief talked about what the city is doing to prevent urban crime. Like car break-ins.

Sitting in the audience was attorney Rena Rickles. After the chief's speech she went out to her car, which was parked right outside the entrance.

You guessed it. Somebody had broken into it.

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Lucky

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through the area. If a new middle school is constructed at the old Hill Lumber site behind the Plaza, foot traffic would only increase, he said.

Raycraft said the discussion did not specifically deal with RAC suggestions for Plaza improvement, aside from concentrating generally on the enhancement of the creek as it would contribute to the revitalization of the Plaza in general and the "potential to create a more revitalized pedestrian and shopping environment on that side of the Plaza."

Phillips added that "the general lack of access from the Ohlone Greenway...to the Plaza parking lot" is a city concern "with or without Lucky construction." Bicyclists, in particular, he said, have complained about the difficulty of climbing the steep bank from the greenway to the Plaza.

Mayor Norman La Force also attended the meeting, as did redevelopment agency chair Jane Bartke. Both LaForce and Raycraft reflected the continuing presence of questions concerning the relationship between Bilak's goals and the city's ultimate goals for the Plaza.

"They also have an interest in improvements at the Plaza," said Raycraft. "That's the common thread."

On the other hand, he said, "we may be on parallel tracks rather than the same track at this point. I don't think one tends to put someone else's interests in the same ballpark as one's own interests initially. That's natural,...but this may have been the first step in educating both sides."

"We (the people representing the city) talked about the Plaza in the context of what's good for the entire city and what we see as the longterm goals of the city," said La Force. "We wanted to make sure Mr. Bilak understood that, or at least that he heard us."

According to La Force, city representatives stressed to Bilak that "we think a lot more can and should be done with the Plaza to make it a destination point."

"This has been voiced over and over again by residents."

La Force, who is a great supporter of the restoration of creeks in general, said he also stressed the city's viewpoint that certain improvements would "enhance the profitability of the Plaza" to its owners, while at the same time "increasing its economic benefits to the city." Doing something with the creek, he said, would be one such beneficial improvement. La Force supports the concept developed in the RAC committee of

developing certain amenities, like a creek, in order to make it an attractive destination in itself.

Changes, he said, must fit in with the creek, in order to make it an attractive destination in itself. The city has no master plan and has no intentions of doing anything until it is developed, he said, there are some "general improvement" a majority of people have including a "greater mixed use type" on the whole property and more pedestrian. "Any changes would need to fit in. We are in a situation where something we agree to (keep us from) years later being able to do.

"We must look at (planned improvement) context of overall land use in the area."

La Force went on to say, "I don't know if we fully appreciated the value that the creek restoration and how that would longterm viability of the Plaza. He has different interests; I don't know."

"I do think there was some gain in a face to face meeting so he could understand our concerns are."

Department

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public works departments could be run more effectively and efficiently as one department.

By replacing two department heads with one, the city saves money and can hire additional lower-paid employees, decreasing management and increasing "front-line employees," said Fields.

Albany is in the process of hiring a director for the new department who will be paid between \$61,000 and \$73,000 per year, plus benefits. Ninety-five applicants for the position were narrowed down to six finalists who were to be interviewed April 25.

A secretarial position was created for the new department, and Kristina Osborn, the former secretary to the city administrator, was transferred to the position in February.

Both the public works and planning departments had been without any secretarial support since budget cuts in 1992, said departing Planning Director Claudia Cappio.

"We were limping along," said Cappio, adding that it's not efficient for the city to pay her \$35 per hour to do clerical work.

Other cities also have combined public works and

planning departments into a community development department, but Albany took the reorganization one step further and added an emphasis on environmental resources, said Fields.

A former part-time planning technician position was converted into an Environmental Resources Assistant position, recently filled by Diamera Bach, formerly a recycling specialist in Ventura. She is expected to start May 8, said Fields.

Bach will be paid between \$35,000 and \$41,000 per year, plus benefits, to oversee such programs as recycling, tree planting and maintenance, urban creeks, storm drains, congestion management and transit alternatives.

Some of these programs were shared previously by employees in separate departments, others were in yet other city departments. A lot of the work was secondary to the employees' jobs, said Fields.

The increased emphasis on environmental issues at city hall is a response to more state and federal mandates for clean air and water and less garbage, said Fields. A state law passed in 1989 requires communities to cut their garbage by 25 percent this year, and by 50 percent by 2000. The Clean Water Act requires cities to reduce the pollutants, such as motor oil and

garden chemicals, that flow off streets and into the bay.

Even without the new Environmental Resources Assistant on the job yet, Fields said the city increased its focus on environmental issues during the new department.

"In the last three years, I don't believe we applied for any grants. In the last three months we applied for six grants," said Fields.

One grant of \$33,000 has already been received for tree-planting and two more tree-planting grants have been submitted. The city also has two recycling grants: \$5,500 has been received for containers and information for recycling oil, and the other grant is to help residents mail junk mail. The city also recently applied to create safe bikeways in Albany.

In addition to the environmental benefits, the department is expected to provide more service to residents, said Fields. The new department now open during lunch and phone calls will be answered by the secretary, rather than being through another department as done previously. The combined department won't allow one to point fingers at the other any more, he said.

Poinsett

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playground will be inscribed on a plaque to be installed on the clubhouse.

Neighbors spent a recent Saturday at the Grease Monkey selling drinks and muffins during a special fundraising effort. For every oil change on that day, the business donated \$5. The Friends group helped to publicize the event which generated a \$500 donation.

"We're interested in doing more partnerships with local businesses, like the one we did with Grease Monkey," said Neuman.

The Friends of Poinsett Park have taken a creative approach to corporate fundraising. They are offering sponsors the opportunity to buy specific components of the new playground. So far, it's been a successful campaign. Individual families are also participating.

The Mechanics Bank has purchased two posts for the play structure. El Cerrito city manager Gary Pokorney's family has purchased a third, Neuman's

family a fourth.

"We need more post people," said Neuman. "The structure has about 20 posts in it."

Chevron has purchased the "Challenge ladder," a horizontal ladder that's part of the structure. The Albany-El Cerrito Exchange club is donating the funding for a spring toy. The Genser family has purchased a double-wide slide.

Dr. Tom Foor, who owns the Dr. Foorpaws veterinary practice, has donated \$100 to the project. East Bay Sanitary Service, which holds the city's garbage franchise, has donated \$500.

According to Neuman, the city will consider a major contribution to the effort.

"We've been working with Mori Struve (El Cerrito's maintenance and engineering services supervisor)," she said. "He's trying to designate \$10,000 of next year's budget for the playground."

Departmental budget requests were to be discussed

this week; some items will be trimmed down from the "wish list" to the actual budget requests to be presented to the city council. The council will be considering the budget beginning May 16.

Already, said Neuman, "the city has been amazingly supportive," sending letters on behalf of Friends organization, for example.

While it's exciting to think of the new playground that should result from all the hard work neighbors have invested, Neuman's another benefit to the project.

"The best part of it is the way we're trying to know each other, feeling that (we're) in this community," she said.

"Everyone just loves the park now. There's no indifference before; they feel a sense of ownership that they didn't really feel before. It's bringing them together." Beyond that, she said, "it's been a good experience for me."

"I'd recommend it to anyone."

Earth

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Two trees were planted in the grass at the Community Center pool in honor of Gans' and Shadi's contributions. Withrell organized the plantings, inviting the children who were present to shovel dirt into the holes and to continue visiting the center to see how the trees they helped plant are growing.

Those present at the ceremony had been attending a free BBQ lunch provided for all who had worked on Earth Day activities during the morning. A short program included the mayor's expressions of gratitude to the volunteers, presentation of certificates of appreciation to local businesses who have supported improvements at Poinsett Park (see accompanying article) and the tree planting.

Mostly, though, it was a time for celebration, with lots of food, good conversation, and live band music.

During the course of the morning, volunteers had worked hard all over the city cleaning up public areas and facilities.

At the Arlington Park, city council member Mae Ritz and her husband, Dick Ritz, joined council member Jane Bartke, Rich Bartke and two other residents in a cleanup of their own neighborhood park. Firefighters John Kelleher, Hugh Henderson and Dave Garrett also joined in the effort.

"We've seen all the briars there on our walks," said Dick Ritz. "This was my chance to cut 'em down."

Others worked on overgrown ivy.

"We actually found a pretty stone wall we didn't know was there," said Mae Ritz.

"We cleaned out a lot of stuff, and we had a great time," she said, adding, "there's still so much to do at the park."

Huber Park may be a little farther along, since an Adopt-a-Park group has been active there for about three years. It was founded by neighbors Vern and Joyce Odlin, who take great personal care of the park. Joyce Odlin enjoys working in its garden; Vern Odlin checks daily for graffiti and litter. ("People seem to have learned that if they put graffiti there, it won't stay for long," said Joyce. "We don't seem to be having any problems with that recently.")

Joyce Odlin reported that about 15 people attended the Earth Day cleanup; almost everyone was a repeat volunteer, since the Friends of Huber Park have twice-yearly workdays.

"The mayor also participated," she said. "So did Jon Bashor (chair of the city's Parks Commission). He's

been a real support ever since he moved into the neighborhood (from another section of El Cerrito).

The timing of the Earth Day cleanup was very fortunate, said Odlin, in that damage from the winter storms had not yet been cleared.

"We raked a lot of leaves, cut back an oak tree whose branches had fallen, trimmed another," she said, adding that rocks and sand had also filled the garden area, where she and two other women spent the morning weeding. (The Odlins had personally removed the rocks from the overflow.) On Monday, Odlin returned to the park to plant some spring flowers.

Active Friends members Ken Von Hoff and Al Grammer also participated. Von Hoff brought an electric trimmer to attack wild grasses ("we're all concerned about fire hazard," said Odlin); Grammer, who built the bridge crossing the park's creek bed, worked with other volunteers to clear it.

At 89 years of age, Grammer may well have been one of the oldest Earth Day participants.

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REAL ESTATE

April 27, 1995

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What You Don't Know
Can Hurt You
Don Dunning, CRB

open houses

Since childhood, I have been educated by how people relate to each other. I used to love observing commuters on the New York City subways. At a restaurant I always sit facing outward to look at the crowd.

Another of my favorite people-watching spots is at an open house.

Over the years, I have noticed different agents have different styles of relating to people, as well as those who come to see the house. A lot can be learned about an agent by observing him or her in an open house. At the same time, an agent can learn much from the person visiting the open

houses.

From an agent's point of view, there are two main reasons to hold open houses: 1) It is the agent's own listing, and holding the home open is part of the marketing process, and 2) open houses are one of the best sources for future clients.

As an agent at countless open houses, I have seen the many ways people respond to me, especially when they first walk in. My own style is to greet visitors with a warm smile and "hello." I then introduce myself. The communication, both verbal and nonverbal, that takes place during these first 10 to 20 seconds is amazing.

Some are open and friendly and offer their names in turn. Others will return the greeting, but do not volunteer their names. Then there are the ones who act as though I might have some contagious disease transmitted through verbal communication. Now, I know not everyone who walks through the door wants to talk to a Realtor, but

See OPEN, next page

Entertainment often affects style. Obviously, some people at an open house are actually shopping for a home. Others may also be shopping for an agent to help them buy in effect, interviewing agents of their working environment. Sometimes neighbors come for a similar reason: they are looking for an agent to help sell their home. Some just like to look



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Event features diverse crew of walk leaders

Explore North Berkeley's paths and neighborhoods with naturalists, horticulturalists, urban ecologists, architects and local historians during Berkwood Hedge School's "400 Steps" urban hike on Sunday, April 30, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hikers will meet at Cragmont Rock Park (at the intersection of Regal Road and Hilldale Avenue) in Berkeley at any of the following times to enjoy the guided walk of their choice. Guided walks begin at 9 a.m. and leave every 20 minutes.

Walk leaders include:

9 a.m.: Phila Rogers, nature and garden writer, with work appearing in *Garden Design Magazine*, *Santa Barbara Magazine*, and elsewhere.

9:20 a.m.: Deborah O'Grady, photographer. Come prepared with your camera for this photography walk.

9:40 a.m.: Karen Burks, practicing architect and educator with a special interest in Bay Area design traditions.

10 a.m.: Rosalie Lamb, body-worker. This walk will focus on body alignment work originated by Elsworth Todd.

10:20 a.m.: Pat O'Brian, landscape architect and educator.

10:40 a.m.: Shelby Sampson Hall, creek activist, cultural geographer, and co-author of *Guide to East Bay Creeks*.

11 a.m.: Elan Shapiro, eco-psychologist.

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Seniors' exhibit: 'Visible Lives'

St. Mary's Center invites the public to experience, "Visible Lives," an exhibition of masks and portraits by homeless and formerly homeless seniors. Invisible before, these elders portray their past and vibrant memories of their youth and wisdom of their lives. Their tales convey courage and strength. Workshops held at St. Mary's Center in downtown Oakland were led by Oakland artist Barbara Martin and storyteller Linda Ellisen along with volunteers from St. Mary's Center.

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Resolution Trust Corp. going out of business

By H.W. Moss

The "Visible Lives" public art project was supported by the Cultural Affairs Commission and funded by the Oakland Redevelopment Agency of the City of Oakland. The exhibition will run May 4 to Aug. 4 at St. Mary's Center, Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sundays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A public reception will be held Thursday May 4, 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Center is located at 635 22nd St. at San Pablo Avenue. Call Susan Werner at 893-4723 for more information.

The Resolution Trust Corporation, the government entity charged with seizing and selling off assets in the wake of the savings and loan bailout, is going out of business.

The entire agency employs roughly 5,500 people in seven locations across the country. All offices fold up their tents and transfer whatever remaining assets they have to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) on Dec. 31.

"Some people are going into the private sector, some may retire, many are going to the FDIC," said Mike Fulwider, an RTC spokesperson in Washington who has not yet decided where he will land.

Felisa Neuringer, a public relations

spokeswoman for the RTC, had only three more hours to go on the job last Friday. She said she was going into public affairs for the Peace Corps.

The RTC close-down comes one year earlier than originally planned and is the result of The Resolution Trust Corporation Completion Act signed by President Clinton in December, 1993.

The RTC's Denver office will shut its doors at the end of this month. The rest, including the Newport Beach field office and RTC headquarters in Washington, D.C., are already preparing for the end of the year.

At that time the FDIC will inherit approximately \$10 billion worth of property, many of the

RTC's personnel as well as any administrative and legal issues that might be hanging around.

The RTC currently holds seized assets worth approximately \$24 billion in book value. Book value is the amount the asset was valued at by the institution taken over by the RTC. Recovery value can be quite different from book value.

Many of these assets are loans, not all of which are non-performing, and approximately 10 percent of the portfolio is real estate owned.

Unfortunately, this property is considered to be bottom of the barrel and difficult to sell. Most of it is raw land, according to Fulwider, that is environmentally impaired or is special resource land on which live an endangered species.

The final recovery value remains unknown.

It has been a bumpy ride for the RTC which was mandated into existence by the Financial Institution Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) in 1989.

Several times the agency went to the public trough to ask for more money to save depositors' funds at failed institutions after the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) went bankrupt.

In all, the RTC received a total of \$105 billion in congressionally appropriated funds.

"As of the end of '93, we spent approximately \$89 billion to protect insured deposits at failed savings institutions," said Fulwider.

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45 WILDWOOD.....PIEDMONT.....3+BD, 1+BA.....\$409,000.....RUBY NG

72 CHATSWORTH CT.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD, 2BA.....\$369,500.....DIAN HYMER

5861 RINCON DR.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 2BA.....\$349,000.....DELL M. ORR

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Top Five

The Oakland office of Grubb & Ellis has announced its top five producers of 1994, according to Richard A. Larsen (standing, center), district manager for the Oakland/Alameda County Region. Honorees include Piedmont resident Jeffrey S. Weil (back row, left), senior vice president, senior marketing consultant, Top Office Division Salesperson; Paul F. Mueller (back row, right), Industrial Division Salesperson and a resident of Lafayette; San Francisco resident Gareth L. Fracchia (front row, left), senior marketing consultant, Industrial Division Salesperson; and Dwight T. Swobe (front row, right), senior marketing consultant, Top Salesperson for 1994 and Top Industrial Salesperson. Swobe is also a resident of Lafayette. (Not present in photograph: Berkeley resident Jack H. Gaskins, Top Retail Salesperson.)

FOR SALE

Beautiful Rockridge Craftsman For Sale
5516 MANILLA AVE (Between Broadway & College)

• 2 bedrooms, 1 bath • Formal living & dining rooms
 • Remodeled gourmet kitchen • Hardwood floors • Built-ins
 • Leaded glass windows • Pocket doors • Garden with workshop
 • Earthquake retrofitted/termite clear • Lovely, quiet woodsy setting
 • One block from College Ave. shops

\$259,500 **Contact:** **Michael Valva**
VALVA Realty Co. **Realtor-Broker** **451-7317**

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By Appointment

ELEGANT COUNTRY ENGLISH: MARION SCHWARTZ **PRICE UPON REQUEST**
 Spectacular country English Tudor designed for entertaining on a grand scale
PIEDMONT TESTATE: ANGELA WEI GRUBB **\$3,350,000**
 Albert Farr's magnificent French Chateau on nearly 1.5 acres. 6+ bedrooms.
NEW EXCLUSIVE LISTING: MINDY SCOTT **\$1,350,000**
 Built in 1920's, this elegant home features a formal beamed living room w/ french doors leading to garden. Gracious entry, formal dining, cozy library w/ fireplace, large family room.
EXQUISITE BAY VIEWS: MARION SCHWARTZ **\$1,275,000**
 Prestigious centrally-located residence. Elegant landscaped gardens.
PARK LOCATION: MINDY SCOTT **\$1,150,000**
 Fabulous Dracena Park location. Spacious living & dining open to inviting solarium. 6 bedrooms.
EXQUISITE PIEDMONT: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY **\$1,095,000**
 Exquisite formal entry w/magnificent stairway. Spacious & light kitchen. 5 bedrooms/4 baths
PRIVACY, ABUNDANT SPACE & LIGHT: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY **\$1,075,000**
 Nearly 3/4 acre. City views. Elegant living & grand formal dining w/gorgeous detail. 5/3+
GORGEUS ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL: ELIZABETH DICKSON **\$995,000**
 Gracious brown shingle. Leaded glass windows. 7 bedrooms, fabulous level garden w/pool.
SIMPLY EXQUISITE: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY **\$995,000**
 Gorgeous traditional home. Many upgrades both structurally & cosmetically. 4/3.5 gardens.
PRESTIGIOUS PIEDMONT: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY **NEW PRICE!** **\$995,000**
 Prestigious location offering privacy. Level living on 1/3 acre. Lovely mature garden. 4/4.
ELEGANT: JEAN SIMMONS **\$949,500**
 Gracious formal entry. Elegant living & formal dining. 5+3.5. Spectacular recreation room.
UNDERSTATED ELEGANCE: MARION SCHWARTZ **\$889,500**
 Immaculate English Tudor on nearly 1/3 acre. Private, mature gardens. Exquisite wood detail.
GRACIOUS TUDOR: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY/D/GRUBB/JR **\$879,500**
 Gracious English Tudor invites grand formality. Formal living & dining. Spacious master suite.
WONDERFUL ENTERTAINING: MARION SCHWARTZ **\$849,000**
 Living w/high ceilings & distinctive moldings. Wonderful indoor/outdoor entertaining.
SPACIOUS LIVING: DONALD GRUBB JR **\$769,500**
 Adjacent to the corner of Bonita Ave. Gorgeous kitchen/family rm. Mstr suite w/pfr.
ELEGANT CONTEMPORARY: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY **\$665,000**
 Designed by Clarence Tantau. Very contemporary & very elegant. Exceptionally landscaped.
PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL: CHERYL KNICKERBOCKER **NEW PRICE!** **\$629,000**
 Traditional 2-story fl. plan. Old world charm. Formal living w/ stone fireplace & built-ins. 3/2.
EUROPEAN ELEGANCE: MARCIANEBEL/D/GRUBB/JR **NEW PRICE!** **\$579,500**
 Comfortable living & elegant formal dining—a touch of European elegance & style. 4/3.
SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN: KATHERINE COOPER **\$570,000**
 Authentic traditional details—a perfect floor plan for modern living. 4/3.
MEDITERRANEAN CHARM: ANGELA WEI GRUBB **\$564,000**
 Great condition. Gracious living & dining. 4/2.5, rumpus. Spacious level garden.
WONDERFUL PIEDMONT VALUE: KATH/ERINE COOPER **NEW PRICE!** **\$388,500**
 Pristine Traditional on a quiet street. Walk to all schools. Updated and very attractive. 3/2.
GREAT LOCATION: ELIZABETH DICKSON **\$369,500**
 Great Piedmont value! Walk to all schools. Sunny & light. Spacious living & dining rooms.
EXCLUSIVE NEW LISTING: KAREN STARR **NEW LISTING!** **\$267,000**
 A must see! Wonderful two bedroom, one bath. Formal dining. Eat-in kitchen. Private garden.

Experience is essential.



339-0400



There may be more to home than meets the eye

Number 96 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Dear buyers, here is something you can do for yourself. Teach yourself to see better.

You can save money (it is possible to make money too) if you can see in a house what others have missed.

Most buyers are looking for the perfect house—a house clean and shiny, stylish, pretty. Such houses often sell quickly and for the highest price. Sometimes several buyers want to buy the same one.

I would guess though that less than 10 percent of all the houses that are available for sale are the sterling ones. If you are waiting for one, you'll have to move fast and buy high.

If you're slow or cannot pay



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more, you'll be dealing with the houses that are left. Not every seller knows how to make his house look fine. Many people are not visual. They lack color and design sense. They don't have the time or ability to fix their houses, may not even see what could be done.

If you can see what the sellers did not, your choices will be ever so much broader. This can simply mean learning to look beyond all

the things inside a house. Think about the last time you saw a typical teenager's room, instantly recognizable, with posters on the walls, chinny bar in the doorway, stuff everywhere. The room probably looks better than it did before the house was put on the market—the mother saw to that—but it is still such a jumble, there are so many things to catch your eye, that maybe you just turned away.

You can teach yourself to look at that room in another way if you try. This is the art of visually subtracting. Stand quietly and look. Imagine the room empty. Think about the light in the room. Pretend the windows are bare. What is the floor like? The walls and the window and door casings? What if this room were painted softest

yellow.

You get the idea. You can glide through houses on through without overcome by the attractive details, thinking you do is to think, sort out.

Here's another you gone to see agents described by? "There is something outside that turns me on. For some reason the house fixed it. He does it as a problem, or as a possibility—it can be fixed."

But it might be. See you

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ELEGANCE AND GRACE **\$379,000**

New listing in a prime Kensington location. Fabulous architect designed 3 bdrm home with gourmet kitchen. Distinctive amenities throughout. Gorgeous fireplace and view.

ALBANY 3 YEAR OLD **\$325,000**

Spacious 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath home with gorgeous & comfortable kitchen. Office & library with separate entrance. Walk to El Cerrito Plaza.

WOW! NEW HOME **\$125,950**

3 bdrm, 2 bath, vaulted ceilings. Sunny, light, wonderful for first time buyers. 0-3% down. \$500 down can move you in!!!

ENTER THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY **\$255,000**

Charm, sophistication, class, new kitchen, whitewashed hardwood floors, formal dining area, new roof. 2 bdrm, 2 full bath, 1/2 block from Solano. Close to parks.

CHOOSE YOUR CARPET AND MOVE IN **\$120,000**

That's all that's waiting for you in this unique home with large living area and fenced yard. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, brand new. Stop renting!! \$500 down can move you in!!!

BEAUTIFUL MEDITERRANEAN **\$241,950**

Charming, featuring hard to find 4 bdrm, 2 full bath, remod kitchen, gleaming hardwood floors. Gorgeous custom drapes and matching soft two-tone interior colors. Move-in condition.

ESTATE SALE **\$134,950**

Marina Bay Pt. Rich wonderful security condo with park & yacht harbor views. Watch the sail boats go by! 2 bdrm with 2 baths.

SEE THE BRIDGE **\$259,000**

Bay Bridge view from master bdrm, and living room. El Cerrito 3 bdrm, 2 bath, with random plank floors. Move-in condition.

EMERYVILLE **\$89,950**

Cute 2 bdrm starter on a quiet street. Take advantage of city of Emeryville. Super first time home buyers program.

PERFECT OWNER OCCUPIED DUPLEX **\$279,500**

Berkeley, Gracious, spacious ad updated Victorian duplex retaining all Victorian features, but renovated to modern building code. Two 3 bdrm units (2366 sq ft).

BERKELEY, IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER **\$169,500**

Magnificent updated Victorian condo. (1/2 a duplex). 1303 sq ft. 2+ bdrm units, 1 1/2 baths.

KENSINGTON, 50K PRICE REDUCTION **\$429,950**

Spectacular, 3360 contemporary, 4+ bdrm, 3.5 bath. Panoramic bay view, 4 decks, magnificent solarium.

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10008 BROADWAY TERR. New, w/forever view! Central atrium, Indoor/outdoor garden, roof deck, 3+BR, 3BA, Katie Meadow 482-3576 MLS 035939
 5800 WESTOVER. New construction. Back on market! Private & sunny. Approx. 3000 sq ft on 1/2 acre hillside lot. Marie Kanaga 339-1744 MLS 037245
 6638 LONGWALK. New construction! 2 story, 4BR, 3.5BA, fam rm, DR, sunroom, 3 frps, bay view. Great locale. Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 037248
 6512 GIRVIN. New constr! Approx. 4000 sq ft, canyon views, cathedral ceiling, FR, gourmet kitchen, 2 car garage. Lisa Weil 531-1653 MLS 037242
 2991 HOLYROOF. Price reduction! Airy 5BR, 3+BA, pvt contemporary home. Nestled in Piedmont Pines. Cheryl Elliott 638-7809 MLS 037198
 6952 BRISTOL DR. Immaculate 2 yr old home, 3BR, 2BA plus large office space, 3 fireplaces. FDR, Like new! Mary Neuberger 635-9102
 6024 BROADWAY. Park in driveway & see this elegant Tudor. New kitchen, bath, Private yard. Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 036432
 4452 EVANS. You belong in this sunny gourmet kitchen, hdwd flrs, gleaming frn brkfst nook windows, sit on the bdm deck & sun. Susie Lipps 531-7000 MLS 037165
 4374 NORTON. Redwood Hts, 3BR, 2BA, sunny & bright, move-in condition. Huge lot, poss. in-law, st. Lee Phillips 531-8211 MLS 037165
 6013 MARLOW. Shaded Village. Oakland's "undiscovered jewel." Trd. feel w/ hdwd flrs, new kit 2BR, 1BA. Charming! Spa! Noll Davis 531-9536 MLS 037282
 2558 SCENIC. Reduced! Inviting 2BR, lrg eat-in kitchen. Fireplace in liv rm, hardwood floors, level yard, garage. Nancy Novick 482-2392 MLS 036368
 1063 48TH ST. Emeryville 2BR, 2BA w/solarium, sauna. Berkeley style.... 1st time buyers program. Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 037550

SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT

ONE OF A KIND. Special custom home on nearly 1 acre in Piedmont Pines. Pvt natural setting, views of bay. Nancy Novick 482-2392 MLS 037199
SMASHING BAY VIEW. New Piedmont Pines listing! 4BR, 3BA contemporary. Master suite w/spa tub. Wendy Callaghan 839-9197 MLS 037698
MONTCLAIR LOCATION, GREAT SPACE! Cosmetic fixer upper. 5BR, with additional semi-finished level. Lrg lot. Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 037199
MORMON TEMPLE AREA! Med w/versatile flr pln. Can accomm ext'd fam, brt off, etc. 3BR, 3BA, FR w/SF view, M flnded lot. Wendy Callaghan 839-9197 MLS 037698
BIGGER THAN LIFE! 7BR. Perfect for group home or large family. Huge, fenced yard. Cheryl Elliott 638-7809 MLS
GLENVIEW PERFECT. Sparkling 2BR and a den! This home has been baled. Lrg liv rm, din rm, big eat-in kitchen. Susie Lipps 531-7000 MLS 036524
BELLEVUE STATEEN. New York style historic building. Strong HOA. Prestige b... security. 24 hr doorman, 1550 sq ft. 2BR, 2BA. Noll Davis 531-9536 MLS 037557
COSMETIC FIXER. Great potential! Marble frpls, eat-in kit, deck, basement, yar... Good for owner or investor. Jaya Bhimani 482-0860 MLS 037548
GREAT FAMILY HOME! 3BR, 2BA in Maxwell Park. Sunny w/o bay view, new flr, w/skylight & Mavex tiles, lrg mstr BR, pvt yd. Kate Phillips 530-8211 MLS 036524
AFFORDABLE SF BAY VIEW from this 2BR starter in desirable Richmond Ave. FDR, hdwd flrs, tiled frpls, spacious yd. Don Dunning 482-2392 MLS 036501
ZERO \$'S DOWN ATTN VETS! Lrg 2BR, 2.5BA new townhome. Beautiful suny... unit, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, yd, much more! Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 037115
NO OAKLAND VICTORIAN. Probate sale. 3+BR, 1BA, lrg bsmt/workshop, ... attic. Very good cond. Near Kaiser Hosp. Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 037115
OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN LAUREL! 3BR on Calif. St. FD, yd, gar, w/boss... studio rm at'd. Needs work; sellers will credit. Lee Jacobson 654-6461 MLS 037071
MAXWELL PARK! Sunny 2+BR, orig wood trim & built-ins, frt kitchen wh... flrs, deck overlooking lrg yd, garage converted to plus rm. Kate Phillips 530-8211 MLS 036524
LAUREL FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD. 2BR, 1BA, FDR, laundry, gar, fenced... level yard. Flower plan. Lee Jacobson 654-5161 MLS 037195
NEED SOME ELBOW ROOM? Try this 3BR split level, din rm, brkfst nook, workshop & storage. Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 036788
NO OAKLAND MULTIRES BLDGS. Quiet locale nr Kaiser Hosp. 2, 3, 4, 5... unit bldgs. High income & terms avai. Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 036971
PANO BAY VIEW! 3BR, 2BA in Maxwell Pk. Lr w/vaulted beam ceiling & lrg... updated kitchen, mstr BR on lower level could be rm. Kate Phillips 530-8211 MLS 036524
BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED CRAFTSMAN. Spacious 3BR, 1BA, new kitchen, refinished flrs, new paint in & out, lrg lot. Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 037204
INVESTOR SPECIAL GOOD RENTAL! Needs cosmetic attention. Victorian, style 2+BR, 1+BA. Flexible buyer. Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 036939
ASTONE'S THROW from freeway, bus, shopping; yet quiet. Top floor unit... with North view. Large rooms. Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 037197
WHY RENT? Spacious unit, well maintained bldg., 1BR, 1BA, w/pat... garage, nr bus & Piedmont Ave. shops, restaurants. Jaya Bhimani 482-0860 MLS 037548
FLOOR TO CEILING WINDOWS! Just listed! Lrg 1BR condo. Fresh paint inside, very light, balcony, eat-in kitchen. Lee Jacobson 654-6461

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MAGNIFICENT LAKEFRONT ESTATE. 4BR/4BA home w/extraordinary views. Boathouse with sleeping loft, pier & buoy, 3 car garage & heated walkway.

NORTH TAHOE CHALET. 3BR/2BA home with 2 car garage. Close to the Tahoe Nordic Center on a level sunny lot.

CARNELIAN BAY. 3BR, 3BA home with 2 car garage and spa. Huge open living and dining area. Great for families or entertaining guests.

SPECTACULAR LAKE VIEW. 2BR, 1BA home. Just remodeled from top to bottom. Backs to National Forest and offers spectacular views from living room and huge

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to fix it. That's what I want
to do. If you find yourself peering
through your car windshield at the
inside of an open house, then drive
away quickly. If all of these are
true, go inside. Actively
think about the spaces, condition,
and price. If all of these are
true (or close enough), go back
inside and walk across the street.
Ask yourself what is wrong. Think
about what could make it better.
Is the architecture really wonky?
Does the facade need to be
replaced with something else? Or
are there possibilities here? Let your
imagination go.

What if there were a lovely tree
front, trailing vines on the porch?
What if an arbor were added above
the front door? Or a fence built near
the sidewalk?

I've seen ugly little houses trans-
formed with false fronts made of
lattice painted white. The result is
clean, crisp lines with a forever-in-
style feel. Would such a thing work
on this house?

Sometimes houses have been
mucked up by remodeling. Someone
has installed a large aluminum
slider window in a most prominent
spot? Think. Windows can be re-
placed. That unattractive window
in the living room can be wooden
again, can be divided in any pattern,
the parts can swing open.

You're going to need to get prices
for your ideas. You may want to get
design advice too. These can be
had. All I want to do is make you
more aware, get you to think while
you look instead of floating through
houses waiting for the one that captures
you entirely.

There are so many elements to
consider when choosing a house to
buy. Your brain will be very busy
considering them all. But if you

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lattice painted white. The result is
clean, crisp lines with a forever-in-
style feel. Would such a thing work
on this house?

I will try to add the ability to see what
can fairly easily be removed and
what can be added, you will have a
fantastic advantage over other buyers.

I do not want to talk you into
taking on something major here.
Few people should buy a house that
is sliding down a hill and maybe
you do not want to do over a kitchen
either. I am talking about houses
that have been personalized by their
owners — owners whose taste is
not yours — owners who didn't
rent a storage space for half their
things, who maybe didn't paint or
clean or mow. Some of these houses
are really good houses.

So prep yourself. Look at home
magazines. Start thinking about the
kinds of things that can be done to a
house. Some are big and expensive,
but many are not. You may not
know, for instance, never having
had occasion to learn this, that hard-
wood floor people can work
miracles. It is perfectly possible and
not terribly expensive to remove a
stained section of wood flooring
and replace it so it looks exactly as

it should. Or, in fact, to add a wood
floor where one does not now exist.

Even replacing that short bearing
wall between the kitchen and
breakfast room is not too bad. The
contractor will put in a beam to
support the weight. You will have
to contend with patching the plaster
and providing for flooring where
the wall once stood, but these are
not impossible.

When you do see those few
"model homes," notice what makes
them so appealing. What exactly
has been done? Chances are that
much of what you are finding is so
pleasing is one or all of these: clean,
spare and white. Can you provide
these in another house without going
crazy in the process? Is the other
house located where you'd really
like to be? Is it cheaper?

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Mason-McDuffie honors its top-producing agent

Bebe McRae wins award for fourth year

A. David Cobo, president and CEO of Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, recently recognized Bebe McRae as the number one producing agent in Mason-McDuffie Real Estate. McRae was the top producing agent from more than 1,500 real estate agents in 51 Mason-McDuffie offices.

This is the fourth year in a row that McRae has received the honor, and her ninth year in the Mason-McDuffie President's Club, which includes the top 5 percent of the company's agents, making her a lifetime member in the club.

McRae operates out of the Berkeley/Claremont office which she helped open a year ago.

According to McRae, "I credit my success to five things: 14-hour days, a true love of real estate, recommendations from my past clients, the invention of the car phone, and my husband's support."

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She also notes that being with Mason-McDuffie, which has such a rich and solid heritage in the area, gives credibility to her and invaluable support to all of the properties she represents.

In acknowledging McRae, Cobo said, "Bebe is truly special. She is a pleasure to know and to do business with. She's somebody who is ready to take charge of the entire transaction, yet she is always sensitive to her client's individual needs."

In the past three years, Mason-McDuffie has added 28 offices and more than 900 sales associates.

Said Cobo, "The growth of our company is a direct result of the high level of service that our agents are providing to our buyers and sellers. Bebe McRae epitomizes what Mason-McDuffie is all about."



A. David Cobo presents a commemorative bowl to Bebe McRae.

Tours, walks and lecture history and rebirth of fire

The Oakland/Berkeley Hills are alive and thriving. This once-historic community, leveled by the 1991 fire, is coming back to life and building an exciting new architectural history. Unconstrained by existing walls, architects have unleashed their creativity giving birth to some unusual and diverse new homes.

The College Preparatory School, nestled in the heart of the fire area, is celebrating the community's rebirth with its annual New Neighborhoods House Tour and Raffle.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, 12 new homes will be open for touring between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The houses range from traditional to exotic, including a *Builders Magazine* award winner.

Some of the more unusual design features are an indoor stream and cylindrical garden, reflecting pond and two-story atrium. One house has few interior right angles and custom-made furniture to match. Another has six levels, each with outside access.

Six houses will be open daily. Children under 12 are admitted. Daily admission includes lunch. Group availability.

On Sunday, May 21, Altschuler, author of *Walks in the Bay Area: Hidden Walks in the Hills*, will lead two one-hour walks through the fire area, including the public park that had all been lost.

The walks, scheduled a.m. and 1:30 p.m., will end at the College Preparatory School, 6100 Broadway. Groups are limited. Admissions are recommended at \$12.

On Thursday, May 25, p.m., Oakland neighbor Katz will give a slide show entitled "Visions to Modest Budgets in Victorian Rockridge" and diverse life.

See TOURS

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm					
2531 MONTICELLO AVE, 2bd Home, Remod Kit, Hwdws, Garage	\$800/MO RENTAL	Ridgemont RE, Jack Litzelliner 452-0176			
4340 TURNER AVE, 3bd/3ba Extraordinary Custom Ranch					
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, D. Poco 482-0799					
5602 DENTON PL, Hillcrest Est 3/2+, Quality, Bay Views	\$935,000				
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460					
6070 MAZUELA DR, 5+3/2 New Constr, Secluded, Quality	\$899,000				
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400					
6632 LIGGETT, Piedmont Side, 2 Large Hms on Gated 1/2 Acre Lot	\$859,000				
Owner 339-0687 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5					
139 SHERIDAN RD, 4bd/3ba Gated Mini-Estate, Gardens	\$845,000				
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460					
9 BOWLING DR, New Price! 3bd/3/2ba, 3 Car Gar., Remod Kit	\$789,000				
The GRUBB Company, Jeanne Simmons 339-0400					
5981 GIRVIN DR, Pied Pines 4+3, Pvt w/View, Slashed \$100K	\$750,000				
Better Homes, Harriet Schoen 531-2437					
5410 FERNHOLLOW, Exquisite 4/3+, Frml Living, AuPair, Pool, 1+Ac	\$749,000				
Taboloff and Company, Tom Erwin 482-6080					
5920 ROSS ST, Rockridge, Frml Rms, Hwdws, Billard Rm, 1/2+ Ac.	\$699,000				
The GRUBB Company, Sherri Oakley/Donald Grubb Jr 339-0400					
6307 BROOKSIDE AVE, Gorgeous Med, 4/3, Country Kit, Garden	\$619,000				
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400					
3719 BRUNELL, 4bd/3/2ba w/Bay Views & Privacy	\$618,000				
John M. Grubb Realtors, Colleen 254-6033					
13509 CAMPUS DR, Mini Estate, Custom Ridgemont Contemporary	\$599,000				
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643					
2333 TUNNEL RD, Montclair 4/2- New Constr. Pano View, Lvl Yd	\$595,000				
Pacific Union, Bill Weissberg 339-6460					
708 GRIZZLY TERRACE, Montclair 4/2+, New Listing! Den	\$579,000				
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460					
923 MOUNTAIN BL, Nw Custom 4/2+ 3400sf, Nr Montclair Village	\$559,000				
Builder/Owner 510-601-1037 WILL COOPERATE					
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2-4:30					
4816 PROCTOR, 1st Open!! Stylish Medit w/View & Garden, 3/3½	\$549,000				
The GRUBB Company, Jeanette Roach 339-0400					
907 HILLCROFT CIR, Crocker, Gracious 4bd/3b, Rec Rm, Garden	\$549,000				
The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400					
1008 BROADWAY TER, Nu w/View Atrium, In/Out Gdn, Roof Dk	\$539,000				
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 482-3576 MLS 035939					
937 LARKSPUR RD, 1stOpen! Elegant 3+3/2bd/2ba Tudor, Cul-de-sac	\$519,000				
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400					
5800 WESTOVER, Back on Mkt! Pvt, Sunny, New, 1/2+Ac. Hillside	\$499,000				
Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774 MLS 037245					
6848 ARMOUR DR, Montclair 4/3 Contemporary, Guest Rm/Ofc	\$495,000				
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460					
5901 ROSS ST, Must See! Gracious 4/1½, Rckridge, Lwr Lvl Apt	\$495,000				
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400					
3299 BRUNELL DR, Joaq.Miller 4bd/2/2b Contemp. Slashed \$50K	\$490,000				
Better Homes, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401					
6441 CASTLE DR, Montclair 3, bd/3ba Hideaway, GG/SF Views	\$489,000				
Pacific Union, Patty Scott 339-6460					
1864 GRANDVIEW, 2 Story, New Constr 4/3½, Gourmet Kit, 3 Frpl	\$475,000				
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 032428					
6156 OCEANVIEW, Upr Rockridge 3+2+ New Home/New Price	\$465,000				
Better Homes, Jennifer Lippincott 655-7137					
6942 COLTON BL, 4+bd/3ba, Montclair, Large Level Lot	\$465,000				
Better Homes, Elaine Jones 339-4000					
6512 GIRVIN, Canyon Views! Cathedral Ceilings, Gourmet Kit	\$459,000				
Wells & Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653 MLS					
1601 MOUNTAIN AVE, Sunny 3bd/2ba Colonial w/Guest Cottage	\$439,000				
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Marynell Stone 287-8935					
5871 MARGARIDO DR, 1st Open! Charming English 2/1½ Tudor	\$425,000				
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400					
5555 BALBOA DR, Immaculate, Montclair, Patio, Frml DR, Gdns	\$419,000				
The GRUBB Company, Marion Schwartz 339-0400					
2991 HOLYROOD, Nestled in Pied Pines, 5+3/2+ Airy Contemp.	\$399,900				
Wells & Bennett, Cheryl Elliott 648-7809 MLS 037198					
6125 ASPINWALL, Montclair 4/4 w/2 Frpl, 2 Fam Rm, Pvt Setting	\$399,000				
Manhattan RE, Agent 444-5300					
5523 ESTATES DR, Gorgeous Contemp, Pvt, Vu, Rec Rm w/Frpl	\$399,000				
The GRUBB Company, Arian Tunney/Marcia Nebel 339-0400					
975 GROSVENOR, Crocker, English 3+2/2, Updd Kit, Ofc/Den	\$387,000				
Better Homes, Jan Neff 655-4811					
32 CHATSWORTH CT, Pvt/Charming 4/2 Contemp on Cul-de-sac	\$369,500				
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174					
4954 STONERIDGE CT, 1st Open! 4bd/2+ba w/View, Cul-de-sac	\$369,000				
Ridgemont RE, Jack Litzelliner 452-0176					
2 SELKIRK, Redwood Hts English 3bd/2+ba, Privacy, Deck	\$369,000				
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460					
5573 HARBORD DR, Rockridge 3/2, Lvl Yd, Patio, Lg Rooms	\$369,000				
Pacific Union, Helen Danaher 339-6460					
3701 BALFOUR, 1st Open! Spacious Crocker 4/1+, Level In, Hdwd	\$359,000				
The GRUBB Company, Marcia Nebel 339-0400					
4071 OAKMORE RD, Oakmore 3/2+ Immaculate Tudor, 2 Lg Decks	\$359,000				
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460					
407 BROADMOOR BL, Dazzling 5bd/2+ba Craftsman on 1/3 Acre	\$357,000				
Better Homes, Earle Sherk 339-4000					
1105 HOLLYWOOD AV, Unique Glenview Duplex, Hme + Income!	\$350,000				
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buly 339-0400					
84 STARVIEW, New Hiller 3/2/2b Twnhse, 2 Frpl, Skylights	\$349,500				
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammarer 339-1174					
5961 RINCON DR, Montclair Recently Rehabbed 3/2, Lf Rm	\$349,000				
Coldwell Banker, D. Orr/J. Rankin 339-1174					
6529 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines Rehabbed 3bd/2b, 2 Patios	\$347,000				
Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankin 339-1174					
7110 THORNHILL, Montclair 4/2, Lg Lvl Yd, Updated Eat-In Kit	\$339,000				
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174					
6081 SNAKE RD, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba, AuPair, Deck, Views	\$339,000				
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460					
6952 BRISTOL DR, Like Hiller 3/2 Lg Ofc Space, 3 Frpl, Frml DR	\$339,000				
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 635-9103					
85-85½ LINDA, Pied Av Duplex, All New 2bd/2ba, Charming	\$339,000				
Pacific Union, Connie Rogers 339-6460					
5455 CARLTON, Sophisticated Rockridge Charmer! 3/2, Rumpus	\$339,000				
Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174					
4361 ABERFOIL, Chabot Highlands, Custom Ranch, 3+2+	\$329,500				
Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174					
6606 EVERGREEN AVE, Montclair 3+bd/2+ba New Listing! Views	\$329,500				
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460					
65 STARVIEW DR, Hiller-Highlands 3/2+, Bay View, Value!!	\$329,500				
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickinson 339-0400					
1427 BARROWS RD, Crocker 4/2, Immac Trad, Updated Kitchen	\$329,000				
Pacific Union, Wyn Stephens 339-6460					
5517 LAWTON, Rockridge Fixer 3+bd/2ba, Updd Kit, Prime Location	\$329,000				
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174					
805 SANTA RAY, Crocker, Charming 4/2+ Tudor, Reduced!	\$329,000				
Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460					
4490 OAK HILL RD, Sequoyah Hills 3bd/3+ba, 2+ Rms, Lvl Lot	\$329,000				
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460					
5653 MAXWELTON, Upr Rockridge 2+bd/2+ba, Updd Kit, Pvt Gdn	\$329,000				
Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460					
2988 BUTTERS DR, Joaq.Miller Sophisticated 2+2, Bay View	\$328,000				
Better Homes, Julie Renaldi 339-8400					
7149 THORNHILL DR, Montclair, Fab Canyon View, Deck, 3bd/2b	\$327,000				
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460					
6024 BROADWAY, Elegant Tudor w/New Kit/Bath, Private Yard	\$327,000				
Wells & Bennett, Sam Hammond 839-5846 MLS 036432					
1972 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair 3/1½ Tudor w/Sep Studio, Lg Lot	\$324,000				
Templeton Company, Ron Egherman 652-2133 X127					
7505 SKYLINE BL, Montclair Spacious Multi Lvl Contemporary	\$319,000				
Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174					
4101 39TH AVE, Redwood Hts, Remod Throughout, 3/3 Custom	\$315,000				
Pacific Union, Joe Knowland 339-6460					
41 KINGWOOD RD, 4bd/2+ba w/Hdwds & Berber Cpt, Storage, Deck	\$309,000				
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174					
7585 CHELTON DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba Lovely Contemp, Updd Kit	\$309,000				
Better Homes, Nahid Nassir 339-4000					
7 TRUITT LN, Upr Rockridge 3/2, Lvl Out to Patio, Rumpus Rm	\$299,900				
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174					
308 TAURUS, Montclair 3bd/2+ba Contemporary, SF View from Deck	\$299,500				
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, A. DaCosta 466-5597					
4152 RANDOLPH, Glenview Trad Craftsman 4bd/1½/ba, Move In!	\$299,000				
Korman & Ng 522-4600, 845-8326 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5					
6819 CHAMBERS DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba Grt Condition, EZ Care	\$299,000				
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Lois Heyden 547-4579					
2467 BURLINGTON ST, Lincoln Hts 4+bd/2+ba, Garden, View	\$298,000				
Better Homes, Jennifer Lippincott 655-7137					
3870 BRIGHTON AVE, Old World Charm, Spacious 4/2½, Den	\$289,500				
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174					
4665 SAN SEBASTIAN, Glenview 3/2, Updd Kit/Baths, Nu Deck	\$289,000				
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400					
797 MANDANA, Crocker Classic 4+2 Trad!, Ofc/AuPair, Patio/Gdn	\$289,000				

Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA	EMERYVILLE
Admiralty Lane - \$199,000	1088 63rd St. - \$133,000
Beach Rd. - \$648,000	
Page St. - \$174,000	
San Antonio Ave. - \$352,000	
Shorepoint Ct. #318 - \$29,000	
Solomon Lane - \$208,000	
Versailles Ave. - \$202,000	
Washington St. - \$225,000	
ALBANY	OAKLAND
Key Route Blvd. - \$175,000	95 Alvarado Rd. - \$365,000
Masonic Ave. - \$267,500	5719 Amy Dr. - \$329,000
Devlin St. - \$330,000	6426 Benvenue Ave. - \$363,000
BERKELEY	3120 Birdsall Ave. - \$154,500
Creston Rd. - \$285,000	5340 Broadway Terrace #508 - \$245,000
Curtis St. - \$189,000	2916 Brookdale Ave. - \$151,500
Hearst Ave. - \$238,000	3401 Dakota St. - \$145,000
Martin Luther King #J - \$155,000	9954 East St. - \$115,000
Prince St. - \$145,000	65 Edgemont Way - \$300,000
Prince St. - \$215,000	2575 El Caminito - \$218,500
Sacramento St. - \$175,000	62 Hanover Ave. - \$188,000
Spruce St. - \$190,000	5840 Heron Dr. - \$595,000
EL CERRITO	668 Hillgirt Circle - \$162,500
Everett St. - \$235,000	8512 Holly St. - \$176,500
Pinehurst Ct. - \$272,500	1368 Holman Rd. - \$222,000
EL SOBRANTE	274 Jayne Ave. - \$279,000
Circle Dr. - \$295,000	185 Kimberlin Heights Dr. - \$273,000
	6015 La Salle Ave. - \$273,500
	320 Lee St. #1001 - \$170,000
	7439 Lockwood St. - \$173,000
	4433 Montgomery St. - \$212,000
	5891 Morpeth St. - \$325,000
	3228 Park Blvd. - \$156,000
	7141 Pinehaven Rd. - \$113,500
	797 Rosemount Rd. - \$349,000
	133 Sequoyah View Dr. - \$299,000

SALES STATS BY CITY	HIGHEST PRICE: \$272,500
ALAMEDA	AVERAGE PRICE: \$253,750
TOTAL SALES: 8	EL SOBRANTE
LOWEST PRICE: \$103,000	TOTAL SALES: 1
HIGHEST PRICE: \$595,000	PRICE: \$295,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$229,650	EMERYVILLE
	TOTAL SALES: 1
	PRICE: \$133,000
OAKLAND	OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 30	
LOWEST PRICE: \$103,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$648,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$227,125	
ALBANY	PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3	
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$330,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$257,500	
BERKELEY	ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 8	
LOWEST PRICE: \$145,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$285,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$199,000	
EL CERRITO	BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 2	
LOWEST PRICE: \$235,000	

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New video for seniors shows ways to manage home equity

A new videotape for senior homeowners introduces "HouseMoney," a reverse mortgage plan that provides monthly income based on the equity in the home.

The video shows how seniors can use HouseMoney to meet financial and lifestyle needs. HouseMoney plans are designed for people age 65 and over who have a home valued at \$75,000 or more.

These plans are currently of-

fered by Transamerica HomeFirst in California, Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Seniors interested in obtaining a free copy of the 14-minute video should call Transamerica HomeFirst at (800) 538-5569.

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Tours

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Rockridge, once home to many California notables, is reflected through its architecture. Administration is free but reservations are necessary.

On the days of the tour, the American Institute of Architects, East Bay, will bring its exhibit of award-winning Firestorm home

designs to the school campus. Representatives from the Oakland Fire Department also will be on hand to provide community fire prevention information.

For reservations or information call 656-6829.

Tickets also can be purchased at the College Preparatory School on tour days.

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

36 OAK RIDGE RD, Sparkling Med, Stunning Views! 5/3, Dck,Gdn	\$789,000
Templeton Company, Trish McNealy 654-1280 X125	
159 EL CAMINO REAL, Claremont Contemp, 4bd/2 1/2ba, Value!	\$775,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400	
770 CRAGMONT, 4bd/3ba	\$659,000
Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495	
1497 LEROY, 4bd/2ba	\$625,000
Coldwell Banker, Soheyl Modarressi 486-1495	
568 ARLINGTON, 2 Houses	\$569,000
Coldwell Banker, Gaby/Barbara 486-1495	
485 GRIZZLY PEAK, Grand Traditional Needs Updating, 3/2+	\$549,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182	
524 GRIZZLY PEAK, 4bd/2ba	\$449,500
Coldwell Banker, Gilda Waldman 486-1495	
1234 GLEN, 3+- Bedrooms, 2 Bathes	\$385,000
Coldwell Banker, Lydia Meisen 486-1495	
475 GRIZZLY PEAK, New Listing! Sunny 3bd/2ba + Au Pair	\$355,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182	
1003 SIERRA, 3 Story 3bd/2 1/2ba, Needs Work	\$349,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
780 KEELER AV, 3b/2b Sparkling Bay Views, Elegance, Garden	\$349,000
Templeton Company, Ron Egherman 652-2133 X127	
1915 FRANCISCO, Berkeley 3bd/2ba	\$274,000
Coldwell Banker, Soheyl Modarressi 486-1495	
1815 CURTIS ST, Adorable 2/1 Bungalow, Huge Back Yd	\$224,000
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400	
2335 SPAULDING AVE, 5bd/3ba Fixer, Big Lot, Good Area	\$199,950
Thornhill Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 SUNDAY 2-4	
1600 CURTIS, 2+bd/1ba	\$198,000
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495	
1617 DWIGHT WAY, Berkeley 2bd/1ba	\$185,000
Coldwell Banker, Tricia Swift 486-1495	
1730 DWIGHT WAY, 2+bd/w/Lots of Extra Space	\$179,000
Northbrae Properties 526-4336 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
2381 EUNICE, Berkeley 4bd/1 1/2ba	\$169,000
Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495	
1534 ASHBY AVE, 2bd/1ba, a Must See, Value and Craftsman	\$147,000
Mason-McDuffie, R. Pruitt 834-2010	
2430 10TH ST, 3bd/1b Condo	\$145,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182	
2029 CHANNING, New Condos, New Prices, 1 & 2 bd City Homes	\$143,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110, 527-7964 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4	to \$169,000
933 ADDISON #C, 5% Moves You In! 2bd Condo	\$94,000
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EL CERRITO Open Sunday

7355 MANILA, El Cerrito 3bd/1ba	\$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
852 GALVIN DR, Craftsman Bungalow, Corner Lot View, "As Is"	\$239,000
Marvin Gardens, Sue Nelson 527-2700/273-9510 SUNDAY 2-5	
717 ALBEMARLE, El Cerrito 3bd/2 1/2ba	\$239,000
Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30	
216 BEHRENS, El Cerrito 2bd/2ba	\$210,000
Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495	
1725 LIBERTY #3, 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths	\$115,000
Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	

EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

1063 48TH ST, 2/2 w/Solarium/Sauna, 1st Time Buyers Program	\$163,500
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 035750 SUNDAY 2-4:30	

3 CAPTAIN DR #13, Watergate Condo Lg 1bd nr Clubhouse	\$121,500
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EL SOBRANTE Open Sunday

2665 SHELDON DR, New Listing, 3-bd/2ba, Park Like Yd	\$225,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	

1710 BEAU RIVAGE, Nu Cond, 3/2, Bay Vu 7.5 Fixed Loan No Pts	\$189,000
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4921 WAGON WHEEL, El Sobrante 4bd/3ba	\$299,000
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Coldwell Banker, Karen Danrich 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30	
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KENSINGTON Open Sunday

510 COVENTRY, Kensington 5bd/3ba	\$399,900
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Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
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40 KENSINGTON CT, 3bd/2ba Top of Hill, Fabulous View!	\$379,000
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Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
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Searching for your future home this Sunday?

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To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Events

Mason-McDuffie hosts a Homebuyer Seminar Saturday, April 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Albany Community Center, 1247 Marin Ave. On hand to provide you with the information you need to purchase a home will be a tax expert, an escrow officer, and a loan agent. Refreshments provided. For more information, call Julianne or Pat at 644-5221 or 644-5279.

A Free Finance Workshop for home buyers is Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.-noon at 1029 Solano Ave., Albany. Sponsored by CMG Mortgage, topics will include: lender guidelines and income required to qualify for a loan; low and no downpayment options; community assistance programs, points vs. no points choices; and loan program selection and overview. Reservations required. Call Karen Ward at 718-2134.

Women Empowering Women presents Electricity for Women, Part 1, Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at 2830 9th St., Berkeley. Learn the basics of home electrical repair from skilled tradeswomen. \$45-\$60 sliding scale. Registration required. Call 649-6265.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents three workshops on Saturday, April 29: Owner Contracting: Project Management, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$75; Painting: Tricks of the Trade, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$75; and Stucco Repair: Hands-on Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$90. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

The second annual Orinda Peddler's Fair, benefiting junior high and high schools throughout the East Bay and San Francisco, is Sunday, April 30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Orinda Village. Antiques, jewelry, arts and crafts, collectibles, as well as fresh produce from the farmer's market and good food will be for sale. No admission. North off Highway 24 on Orinda Way between Safeway and Camino Pablo or a short walk from BART.

The Berkeley Association of Realtors and West Contra Costa Association of Realtors sponsor a free Discover East Bay Living 1995 Home Fair Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at El Cerrito Plaza. Approximately 60 booths will be located outside the Mall staffed by professionals from lending institutions, termite and inspection companies and real estate firms. There will be musical and dance entertainment, food and a free drawing for a romantic getaway for two.

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County and the Oakland Association of Realtors host a training session for landlords and property managers on How to Detect and Eliminate Drug Activity on Rental Property, Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 1528 Webster St., Oakland. Presented by the Oakland Police Beat Health Unit, the cost is \$10. Reservations required. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for reservations.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, hosts two workshops on Saturday, May 6: Owner Contracting: The Legal Aspects, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$75; and Landscape Design, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$75. Call 525-7610.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, hosts two two-day workshops, Sat. & Sun., May 6 & 7: Hardwood Floor Refinishing Hands-on Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$160; and Electrical Wiring Hands-on Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$180.

Blossom Garden, Jr. presents Kitchens For All Seasons, a self-guided tour of five historic homes in Alameda's Gold Coast area on Sunday, May 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (boutique open until 4 p.m.). There will also be a raffle extravaganza, cooking demonstration, gift boutique and complimentary tea. Tickets are \$15 and benefit Children's Hospital Oakland. To order tickets, call Denise Bowes-Garvin at 523-2769 or purchase tickets at the door.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Plan Reading for Beginners, Wednesday, May 10, 7-10 p.m. \$35. 525-7610.

Gordon Yow, a certified general appraiser, will be at Java the Hut, 2327 Blanding Ave., Alameda, Wednesday, May 10, 6-8 p.m. for an informal Question and Answer Session on Common Appraisal Issues. Reservations required. Call 523-8889.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors hosts its Monthly Dinner Meeting, Thursday, May 11, 7-9:30 p.m. at Hs Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley Marina. Roger Robinson, owner of Star Inspection Group, will be the guest speaker. \$35 includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for reservations.

The Alameda Homebuyers' Informational Fair is set for Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lincoln Middle School. In addition to seminars, the free fair will feature booths, entertainment and refreshments, including a gourmet coffee booth courtesy of the Alameda Journal. For more information, call Sandi Williams at 769-8777.

The New Neighborhoods House Tour and Raffle, a benefit for The College Preparatory School, is Sat. & Sun., May 20 & 21. Visit 14 new, architect-designed homes in the fire area representing a variety of styles and time-tested to state-of-the-art building techniques. One of the homes is a Builder Magazine award winner. Call 652-6829 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

Moving plants to your new garden

Q: My wife and I have purchased a new home and would like to take some of the plants from our present yard with us. In particular, we have a young sprout from an older aloe plant that was damaged in the 1990 frost and a cigarette fuchsia that we would like to keep. Any suggestions?

A: Regarding the aloe plant, separate the new shoot from the mother plant with a sharp knife, take all of the above-ground tissue as well as the roots. It is okay to take apart the mother plant as you separate it. Transfer the division to a container and then transplant it when convenient.

Before attempting to move the fuchsia plant, take a cutting from the new growth. The cutting should be four to six inches long; remove the bottom one-third of the leaves and dip the end in Rootone or Dip & Grow.

Put the cutting into moist potting soil or straight sand and store in a warm location that gets plenty of light but no direct sun from noon to five. The cutting will root in 4-5 weeks.

These plants act as an insur-



by Buzz Bertolero

ance policy in case the original plant dies after transplanting. Now for the original plant — take as much of the root ball as possible, put it into a container that fits the rootball and leave the plant in the container until you are ready to transplant it in your new yard.

Q: I've got running bamboo lifting up an asphalt road. How do I kill it?

A: It is very difficult to kill bamboo under asphalt. If there are visible cracks, a herbicide can be applied to the bamboo shoot. The first thing to be done is to locate the main cluster or clump of the bamboo which is the source of the runners under the road.

Bamboo is a type of grass. Round Up does the getting rid of it, but applications might be needed to spray Round Up on the leaves, which will then eat the herbicide.

Fertilize and water to encourage new growth. Then spray the new growth with Round Up.

A: There is a ready-to-use product called "Moss & Root" by Safer's that can be applied to the moss and reappearing.

Send your questions to Buzz Bertolero, C.C.N., c/o Hills Newspapers, 6208 La Salle, Alameda 94611.

REALITY by TOM HOLSTLAW

As you can see, this home features a state-of-the-art solar clothes dryer.

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Classic English country cottage, 3BR, 2BA with FDR, master suite, updated kitchen & baths, hardwood, wood burning stove, garage & carport. Greenhouse, redwood decks, workshop.

#W32835 Geri Stern 510-234-7808

FIRST TIME ON MARKET.....\$237,500

3BR, 2BA, fireplace, 2 car garage, basement. View of Mt. Tam, quiet court, near Canyon Trail Park. Move-in condition Alarm system, 1 level home. #W33091 Dwight Christopher 510-254-1742

A SHORT JAUNT TO FATAPATES'S!!.....\$209,000

Adorable home on one of El Cerrito's most desirable streets. 2BR, 1BA, garage, extensive remodel, new plumbing, newer roof, new carpets, hardwood, tool shed. #W32573 Margirth Byer 510-235-0243

GREAT REMODEL.....\$215,000

3BR, 2BA, shows like new! Basement, garage, great area. Large lot, fireplace, dishwasher, hardwood floors. #W33075 Kathleen Pearce 510-758-0607

MIRA VISTA HILLS HOME.....\$259,000

Split level 3BR, 2BA large home, 2 car garage. Hardwood throughout. Contemporary style, dishwasher, fireplace. #W32485 Sarah Lo 510-235-3983

HUGE EL CERRITO HILLS BAY VIEW HOME.....\$350,000

4BR, 3BA, almost 2400 sq ft, 2 car garage. English Tudor style, in-law potential, family room, enclosed porch, sprinklers, all appliances stay! #W32857 Yueh Fai Lai 510-233-8312

SUPER BUY!!.....\$154,950

3BR, 1BA, family room, workshop in back. New carpets, fresh paint, garage. #W32912 Paul Triplett 510-223-3287

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